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RADIO GA-GA GOO-GOO

Invicta FM DJ Claire Lawson returns to the station this week following the birth of her baby girl. Claire left Invicta last June to have Gracie and after an eight-month break returns to present the weekend breakfast show, between 8am-noon. Ms Lawson said: "Gracie is a happy, content little girl so I feel ready to return to work." In June, Invicta will be rebranded to become Heart FM.

EXCLUSIVE

BY GARETH ARNOLD

GAMBLING problems could be on the increase as people suffering the effects of recession play a dangerous high-stakes game to try and bet themselves out of debt.

With many businesses reporting slumping sales as economic realities bite, bookmakers in the district are seemingly bucking the trend, a Yourcanterbury investigation can reveal.

But it has fuelled concerns that cash-strapped punters are looking to gamble their way out of increasing personal debt, with support agencies braced to pick up the pieces as lives unravel amid the damaging addiction.

One bookmaker in the district, who did not want to be named, said: "Our takings are slightly up on last year. I think in times like these people get a bit desperate and think, 'I'll try to gamble my way out of trouble,' just hoping for that big win."

Since gambling laws were relaxed in 2005, charity Gamcare says it has seen a sharp increase in the number of callers asking for help. And it fears the credit crunch could result in more lives being ruined by gamblers risking too much.

A spokesman said: "We can't say either way whether there is a link [between the recession and an increase in gambling] because the data is not available yet."

"But the issue is the problem – gambler's friends and family may suffer more because

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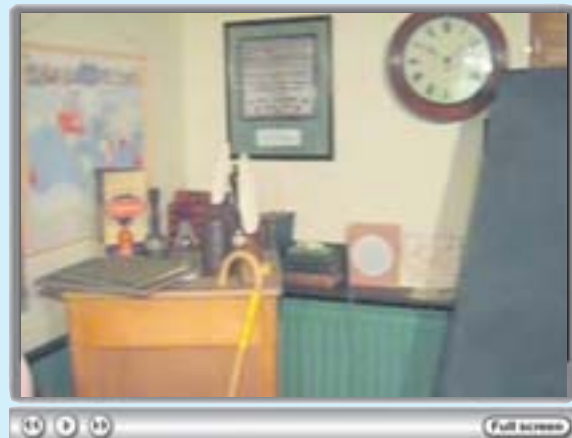
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As we stay in to save cash, video games sales soar

BY GARETH ARNOLD

THE entertainment industry may be waiting for the recession to take a bite out of its profits, but the video game business is booming.

And retailers in Canterbury say while some traders are counting the cost of the downturn, it seems people are swapping costly nights out for evenings in with their joysticks.

A spokesman for HMV, in the Marlowe Arcade, said: "Demand for console and PC games and products in Canterbury is very strong and we saw a record Christmas with games sales up by a fifth."

And those sales show no signs of slowing. HMV says its successful Christmas sales figures were helped by due a strong selection of games for all three main consoles, as well as the wider family appeal of the ground-breaking Nintendo Wii.

The Wii has harnessed motion sensor technology to become the biggest-selling machine on the market.

A spokesman said: "Part of this has to be down to the games offers that exists across all three main platforms: Wii, Xbox 360 and Playstation3."

"All the consoles deliver an amazing gaming experience and the Wii has helped broaden the appeal of games and made them more of a family product."

Big sellers flying off the shelves included the latest Call of Duty and FIFA games, as well as Wii favourites Mario Kart and Wii Play.

And modern gaming is far from the antisocial stereotype some might imagine. Keen gamer Pete Blackett, of St. Stephen's Road, Canterbury, said: "A lot of people go out one night and stay in another to save money."

"With lots of games now you have a



GAME FOR A LAUGH: Nintendo favourite Mario is part of the gaming sales boom

social aspect anyway, such as playing Wii with your mates, or multiplayer online roleplay games such as World of Warcraft or Eve.

"With those you chat to people over the internet using headsets, so you can either socialise with your mates down the pub and spend money on pints, or socialise online."

Another of the city's main games retailers, Game, also posted strong Christmas trading figures, with sales for the six-week period ending on January 9 up 16.6 per cent.

The company says it has benefited from the closure of competitors such as Woolworths and Zavvi.

Both HMV and Game say they are also doing a roaring trade in second-hand games, and HMV has launched a credit-crunch busting offer which allows gamers to exchange old games for other goods.

Bookies buck crunch trend

FROM FRONT PAGE

someone with a gambling problem will not think, 'I've run out of money, I'll stop gambling'.

"Money put away for other things might be gambled. This could put a lot of pressure on friends and family. Gamcare's helplines are for them, too, to talk about how it is affecting them."

When Yourcanterbury contacted the head offices of leading bookmakers operating in Canterbury, Whitstable or Herne Bay, none wanted to make a public statement.

This month, the Government came under fire from church leaders and charities for relaxing the upper limit on fruit machines' maximum payout.

The jackpot has been raised from £35 to £70, while users will be able to stake £1 rather than 50p, under new rules.

Objectors say this will lead to more problem-gambling, arguing that fruit machines are a gateway to more destructive, higher-stakes bets.

Archbishop of Canterbury Dr Rowan Williams is an outspoken critic of gambling.

Addressing the General Synod last year, he said: "The gambling industry is profoundly costly. Its human pollution in terms of promoting addiction, destroying family life and so forth is manifest. The industry needs to take responsibility."

Sales of National Lottery tickets have also gone up, with half-year sales to September 2008 increasing by £181.3m to £2.5 billion.

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Cathedral roof appeal given a £230k boost

CANTERBURY Cathedral's roof repairs have been boosted by a £230,000 grant from English Heritage and the Wolfson Foundation.

The cash will be used to repair the roof of the cathedral library and work is expected to begin in the spring.

The grant will be added to the £50 million total needed to repair the cathedral's roof.

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Will novel approach to book work its magic?

COULD Canterbury schoolgirl Jordan Clark be the next JK Rowling?

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

Admirers of the 16-year-old Simon Langton Girls' Grammar School pupil certainly seem to think so, with fantasy fans across the country lapping up the first chapter of her 97,000-word novel, *Return of the Sun*, after she published excerpts on the internet.

Miss Clark, who is studying for AS-levels in maths, chemistry, biology and Spanish, squeezes her writing in around a heavy school workload.

But she has no plans to stop with just one book.

Work is already under way on the follow-up – *Daughters of the Moon* – in what will eventually become a fantasy trilogy aimed at young adults.

Miss Clark, who lives with her family in Chartham, admits it can be difficult to find the time to write.

She said: "I split my evenings between homework and writing with the first book.

"But with this second book my workload at school has increased, so I can only write on Thursday evenings and Sundays.

"But writing *Return of the Sun* has been one of the most enlightening things I have ever done and

I don't regret a minute spent poring over the keyboard waiting for the right words to come."

Miss Clark is now seeking a publisher for *Return of the Sun* and has submitted the first few chapters to five agents.

She has received three rejection letters so far, but the 16-year-old is undaunted.

She has posted the first chapter on her website as a taster and has received many positive comments, both from fellow students asking for tips and from literature fans from as far away as Humberside.

Miss Clark describes the trilogy as an epic tale of blood, anger and fear, mixed with the mystery of a first love and the power of friendship.

"My dream is for *Return of the Sun* to be published and to walk into the common room at school and see someone completely absorbed in my book," she said.

The first chapter is available free online at <http://returnofthesun.synthasite.com>.



AUTHOR: Student Jordan Clark's first book is winning fans - now she just needs a publisher

Any questions?

ONE of radio's best-loved political shows comes to the city next week.

BBC Radio 4's *Any Questions?* will be broadcast from the University for the Creative Arts in New Dover Road.

Free tickets to watch the political radio show, in which questions from the audience are put to four panellists, are still available.

The show is broadcast live and has around 1.5 million listeners. It is presented by Jonathan Dimbleby, pictured above, although the panellists will be not be revealed until nearer the time.

Any Questions? will be recorded in the Cragg Lecture Theatre on Friday, February 6.

To reserve a place, email events@ucreative.ac.uk, or call 01252 892682.

The broadcast goes on air just after 8pm. Audience members must be in their seats by 7.15pm.



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Bag yourself a freebie and help save the environment

SHOPPERS who pledge to cut down on plastic bags can get a free environmentally-friendly sack instead as part of an initiative by the city council.

Environment staff will be out and about across the district this week handing out the free jute bags for all seasons.

In return for a free bag, people have to sign a pledge to cut down on their use of plastic bags.

The promotions team will be at the Canterbury branch of BHS from 11am to 2pm tomorrow (Thursday), and at the Herons leisure centre in Herne Bay from 3.30pm to 5pm on Friday.

Handouts at the Canterbury and Whitstable leisure centres have already proved popular.

Environmental promotions officer Helen Bennington said: "By asking people to sign a pledge, we are hoping they will think twice before using plastic carrier bags and instead get into the habit of taking a reusable bag with them when shopping."

Driver jailed over role in copper theft conspiracy

A LORRY driver has been jailed for 12 months for his part in a conspiracy to steal a truck loaded with scrap copper.

Andrew Thomas Jones, 34, from Canterbury, was jailed after he used his truck-driving skills to take control of a stolen lorry after its original driver – his uncle Thomas William Spain – feigned a heart attack to leave it unattended.

Spain was employed as a driver for a German transport company dealing in metals.

As far as his employers were concerned on the morning of March 4, 2008, he was taking a substantial load of scrap copper from east London to Olen in Belgium.

Instead, he pulled up at a lay-by near the Gate Services on the A2 outside Canterbury, feigned a heart attack and was taken to hospital by ambulance, leaving the lorry to be

picked up by the other conspirators.

But medics could find nothing wrong with him. Jones, accompanied by his friend Rodney Stacey, intercepted the lorry, making it appear the taking and driving away of the HGV was a random theft while it was left unattended.

The plot was foiled after the conspirators tried to sell the copper to a scrap-metal yard in Faversham.

A judge at Canterbury Crown Court jailed four men on Friday, all had been charged with one count of conspiracy to steal.

Rodney John Stacey, 33, of Deal; Thomas William Spain, 52, of Folkestone; and Trevor Anthony Coates 35, of Ashford, were all sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment.

A fifth man, Carl Martin, 48, was found not guilty of one count of conspiracy to steal and one count of theft.

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Literature lovers to meet in the Waterstone's café

LOVERS of literature are invited to a meeting of East Kent Live Lit, the literature network. Guest speakers include BBC producer Jessica Dromgoole and Keiren Phelan of Arts Council England South East.

The meeting is on Friday, from 6.30pm to 8pm, at Waterstone's in St Margaret's Street. The talk takes place in Chives café. To reserve a place, email Peggy Riley at livelit@mac.com. For more information visit www.livelit.co.uk.

Expert financial advice at Spring Lane session

FINANCIAL experts will be on hand to offer advice at a free drop-in session in Canterbury on Friday, from 10am-2pm.

Specialists in money, benefits, training and jobs will be at the Spring Lane Neighbourhood Centre from 10am-2pm.

Money Talks has been organised by the Riverside Centre, East Kent Enterprise Gateway Services, Canterbury Credit Union and Spring Lane Neighbourhood Centre.

Aftershave thief was in breach of city centre ban

SHOPLIFTER Christopher Flippence was caught stealing aftershave from Debenhams.

The 29-year-old admitted taking two bottles worth £108 and breaching bail conditions which banned him from Canterbury city centre. Magistrates were told store detectives saw Flippence, of Godwin Road, Wincheap, put the bottles in his coat and challenged him outside. Flippence was committed to crown court for sentencing.

Make your views known on district's open spaces

WHAT do you think about the parks and open spaces in our district? The city council is asking for views on the management, maintenance and development of its parks, open spaces and allotments.

Forms are available from council offices or the website www.canterbury.gov.uk.

Alternatively, call Ian Cameron-Fleming (allotments) on 862200, or Richard Griffiths (parks and open spaces) on 862001.

The Big Debate

Has caring replaced learning in today's classrooms? Two Canterbury academics debate the pros and cons of the modern focus on feelings in education. **Dennis Hayes**, co-author of *The Dangerous Rise of Therapeutic Education*, and a lecturer at Canterbury Christ Church University, is an opponent of the Government's Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning programme, which he calls "manipulative and dangerous". **Phillip Karnavas**, head teacher of Canterbury High School, recently graded "outstanding" by Ofsted, is a firm supporter of the SEAL scheme, believing it increases pupils' ability to learn.

DENNIS HAYES

THERAPEUTIC education is about manipulating children's emotional lives and trying to control their feelings rather than letting them relate freely to other children, their parents and adults, with love, anger, hatred – the emotions they feel when growing up.

If adults control them, children will never grow up. Teachers committed to teaching their subjects used to be authoritarian and got children to learn.

Now they increasingly want to help them become more confident and in touch with their emotional lives, so that they can learn, but this is indirectly authoritarian and manipulative.

Concerns with raising pupils' self-esteem and emotional literacy or building their resilience and emotional well-being are based on something new, what you can call a diminished concept of our children. This is something different and dangerous, and although it seems to be compassionate, it is really very manipulative. As a history teacher remarked: "Something has changed when pupils want to know more about themselves than the world."



LEARNING CURVE: Are we controlling feelings or boosting esteem?

PHILLIP KARNAVAS

BUILDING self-esteem and nurturing emotional wellbeing neither replace the curriculum nor prevent learning – they enable better access to both.

While I agree that caring must not substitute for learning, caring about children is a vital precondition for learning.

It does not imply a "diminished concept" of, nor necessarily produce "dependency" in, children. They help overcome complex barriers to learning, empowering and motivating children to enjoy and achieve.

None of these things is about controlling children; rather they enable children to better control their learning.

Moreover, a better understanding of "self" is not the promotion of solipsism. It better equips learners for the acquisition of knowledge and understanding.

My school successfully operates many of the things Mr Hayes attacks and I make no apology for it. Rather than pay £18.99 for his book, I would donate it to Barnados and live with the guilt caused by knowing Mr Hayes feels I have contributed to the "downsizing of children's potential".

JOIN THE DEBATE: Listen to the debate and share your opinion. Email: yourcanterbury@kosmedia.co.uk. Write: The Editor, Yourcanterbury, KOS Media, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent TN25 6SR.

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Here's something to celebrate

FESTIVALS and street entertainment are safe in the district despite the recession, says Canterbury council.

At a recent meeting to plan the 2009 Herne Bay Festival, there was no talk of cutbacks or cancellations, despite fears that non-essentials could be axed in favour of protecting services.

A council official said: "From the ideas that were being discussed at the meeting there was no hint that anything would be scaled back this year."

That will come as welcome news to businesses which benefit from the visitors who flock to the district's festivals and events.

Herne Bay Festival organisers hope to see even more organisations getting involved this year. Co-ordinator Cassy Fry said: "The festival is a showcase for the town, demonstrating how much is already going on in Herne Bay and raising the profile of the groups involved."

The 2009 festival will run from August 22-30. To get involved, phone Ms Fry on 01227 862201 or email cassy.fry@canterbury.gov.uk.

The Whitstable Oyster Festival is expected to remain at full strength, too.

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A QUIET DRINK: But things tend to get noisier in the city between 11pm and 3am – to residents' annoyance

Economy drives city noise action off the agenda

MOVES to ease transport tensions between Canterbury residents and city visitors in search of a good night out have stalled due to the credit crunch.

The council has noted that a key challenge in solving the dilemma between a good night's sleep and a night on the tiles is the lack of reliable transport to get people away from residential areas quickly, cheaply and quietly, with minimal disturbance to householders.

The city centre development action plan, a document seeking to map out the sensitive development of Canterbury's night-time economy, recommended "that public transport away from the city centre during the evenings, especially at weekends, should be improved".

With this in mind, the council has been investigating transport options, but the recession has impacted on plans.

Ideas included subsidised late-night coaches aimed at students – a feature of other university cities such as York – which will pick up from the city centre and take revellers back to campus and away from residential areas.

A Unihopper service, laid on by Stagecoach, already runs from Christ Church University,

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

but this does not operate past 11pm due to a lack of drivers, so misses the crucial period between 11pm and 3am when pubs, bars and clubs close. This leaves late-night drinkers with no choice but to attempt to hire a cab or walk home, which can lead to disturbance.

Struggling taxi firms have also baulked at the idea of providing subsidised late night services. The credit crunch has hit many hard as people go out less and use cheaper forms of transport to get home, and most firms say they are in no position to help at the moment.

Nightclubs have also cited the downturn as a major factor in their reluctance to provide investment in other transport options.

The situation is exacerbated by the fact that the last train to London and the Medway towns leaves Canterbury East at 11.18pm on weekdays, and at 11.47pm on Saturdays.

The council has also introduced saturation areas to certain roads in the city centre to prevent any more licensed venues opening.

The police have also introduced measures to curb disturbance, most recently the city centre dispersal zone which finished earlier this month.

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Panto goes out on a high

MARLOWE Theatre staff are celebrating after a record-breaking 81,425 people watched *Snow White* and the Seven Dwarfs. The panto, which starred ex-EastEnders Emma Barton and TV presenter Stephen Mulhern, ended its run on Sunday after 91 performances and was the last to be staged at the theatre before its closure in March. The previous record had been set by another production of *Snow White* in 2003/04, when there were 89 performances and 74,626 people. Theatre director Mark Everett said: "This fantastic result shows that high-quality, feel-good entertainment will always attract people, whatever the economic conditions." The Marlowe rebuild is expected to take two years. The next panto, *Peter Pan*, will be staged in a big top theatre at Kingsmead. Tickets are already on sale and more than 10,000 seats have been sold or reserved.

Have you seen this man?



MISSING: Paul Day

CONCERNS are growing for a Whitstable man last spotted on Tankerton Slopes on Thursday. Paul Day, 44, is 6ft 2in, of stocky build and with short greying hair. He was wearing green trousers, a short black coat and brown walking boots.

Anyone with information should contact the police on 01622 690690.

Land of hope for workers

JOBS at furniture retailer Land of Leather's Wincheap branch could be saved despite the company slumping into administration.

Administrators have been called in to help keep some of the stores across the UK alive, but have already started shutting 33 outlets.

However, it is hoped a number of key stores in Kent will be able to be sold as a going concern. They are believed to include the Canterbury, Gillingham, Maidstone and Orpington branches.

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Slick moves to boost breast cancer funds

STUDENTS are in pole position for a fundraising drive in aid of Breast Cancer Awareness next week.

The University of Kent Pole Fitness Society has a week of events planned and the aim is to raise £3,000 for the charity. President Justine Millard said: "Next Wednesday at The Venue nightclub we will putting on demonstrations and running competitions." Other events will run throughout the week, starting from Monday. To see dancers in action, visit www.yourkenttv.co.uk and search 'pole'.

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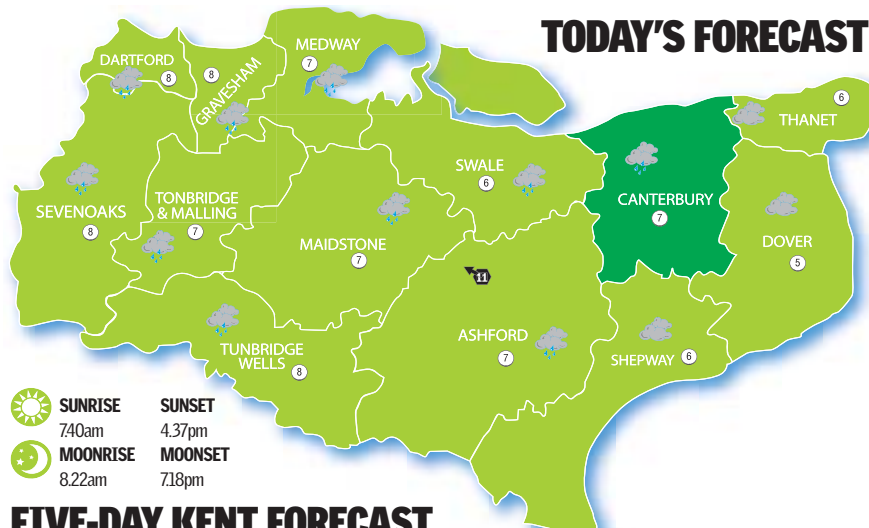
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Ashford	8°C	7°C	7°C	8°C	7°C	Gravesend	8°C	7°C	7°C	8°C	7°C
Canterbury	7°C	6°C	5°C	7°C	5°C	Maidstone	8°C	7°C	7°C	8°C	7°C
Chatham	7°C	7°C	6°C	8°C	6°C	Ramsgate	7°C	6°C	5°C	7°C	5°C
Dartford	8°C	7°C	7°C	8°C	7°C	Rochester	7°C	7°C	6°C	8°C	6°C
Dover	7°C	5°C	5°C	6°C	5°C	Sevenoaks	6°C	6°C	5°C	6°C	5°C
Faversham	7°C	7°C	6°C	8°C	6°C	Sittingbourne	7°C	7°C	6°C	8°C	6°C
Folkestone	7°C	5°C	5°C	6°C	5°C	Tonbridge	7°C	7°C	7°C	8°C	7°C
Gillingham	7°C	7°C	6°C	8°C	6°C	Tun Wells	7°C	7°C	7°C	8°C	7°C



WEEKEND HIGH TIDES

Chatham	Saturday	3:51pm	5.7m
	Sunday	4:29pm	5.6m
Dover	Saturday	1:50pm	6.2m
	Sunday	2:26pm	6.1m
Dungeness	Saturday	1:55pm	7.4m
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Charity aims to track down London Marathon runners

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Demelza House is looking for any runner accepted for the race, and looking to raise money for charity, to consider running in aid of its efforts for sick youngsters.

In exchange, the charity will offer a sponsor pack, running vest and invite the runner to a special reception at the hospice after the marathon where they'll get a chance to see how their hard-earned sponsorship money is being spent.

Clare Emmett, marathon co-ordinator at Demelza, said: "The support we have received over the last couple of years from the London Marathon runners has been amazing. Here's to a bigger and better 2009."

The Flora London Marathon takes place along the streets of the city on April 26 with thousands of runners set to take part in the annual 26-mile race. Traditionally over-subscribed, it is the biggest single fundraising day for charities up and down the UK.

For the 2009 race more than 92,000 applied for the 50,000 available places.

The hospice near Sittingbourne offers assistance to terminally ill children and their families and has facilities to house people on site as well as visit them at home.

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QUESTION & ANSWER

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Q How did you come to be working at the university?

A I'm 27 and originally from Eastbourne. I moved here for university and decided to make Canterbury my home.

I graduated in 2004 with a 2:1 in Drama and Theatre Studies from the University of Kent and have worked in Canterbury ever since.

Q What are the best parts of your job?

A As placement officer for the University of Kent, I help students find the right work placement and try to make the process as easy as possible for the companies and departments involved.

The best part has to be the satisfaction of finding the placement that is best suited to the student and company alike. It's great to go out and visit students in the workplace and see how well they have integrated into the team.

Q And the worst parts?

A Being jealous of the projects students get involved in. We have had students involved in the Olympics closing ceremony, fire shows in Mexico City and a bank in Hong Kong.

Q Are student placements like work experience at school?

A Student placements are different to work experience. Students not only sample the

work environment, they integrate and make a real contribution to it.

The difference a student can make to a company can be huge. For example, the university works with a company where placement students make up more than half the total workforce.

As a result, the organisation regularly recruits placement students that are best suited to the company's skills needs.

In addition I really enjoy working with businesses. I regularly receive calls from organisations that have projects and ideas they would like completed but simply don't have the time, money or knowledge to do it on their own.

Although student placements are not free, they are very reasonable, and having a student means many companies have been able to take projects forward that otherwise would have remained on a wish list.

Q What type of students get involved?

A Students seeking a work placement are motivated and keen to work.

Some employers have had concerns about taking on a student, but we work closely with the companies to ensure they are getting the right student for the job.

Employers like our students because they bring their knowledge and enthusiasm into the organisation, providing new ideas, methods of working and an extra pair of hands.

Q Which subjects' students do you place, and how long for?

A Almost every degree programme offers an option for students to spend some time in industry. As such, our students go anywhere and everywhere, provided they can learn something and have the opportunity to put the skills they have learnt into practice.

The placements vary in length from a few days right through to a full year; it really depends on what the company wants and the requirements of the degree programme.

Q What do you do outside of work?

A I am youth leader at Trinity Community Church that meets in St Stephen's Junior School. I love theatre, particularly community stuff, and a friend is teaching me the guitar.

Q What do you like most about Canterbury?

A The people. Everyone says it's friendlier up north, but I think Canterbury bucks that trend. The residents are great and the students and tourists give it a very upbeat vibe.

Cities can be big and impersonal, but Canterbury isn't like that.

Q Can you tell us something about yourself that not many people know?

A I have pet goldfish. Their names are Fish, Not Fish and Another Fish.

Q & A

Gareth Arnold talks to James Corbin, student placements officer at the University of Kent, about the amazing opportunities open to undergraduates and his three goldfish with an inspired line in names.

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The sky's the limit for your special one

BY JON COATES

WE HAVE found the ultimate present for your Valentine – a helicopter lesson.

Kent is lucky enough to have one of the best helicopter pilot training schools in the UK.

AV8 Helicopters, at Rochester Airport, offers introductory flying lessons so you can experience the thrill of taking control of a helicopter.

So if you're looking to sweep your Valentine off their feet, this could be the answer. I went along to Rochester Airport this week for a 30-minute introductory flight to find out more.

Experiencing a mix of excitement and trepidation, I was introduced to my instructor Richard Cooke, 61, and immediately relieved to find myself in safe hands.

He introduced me to the Robinson R22 helicopter we would be going up in and I was stunned by how small it was.

This is the most popular aircraft for training pilots as it is very light and therefore sensitive to the touch.

Richard first explained the three flying controls – the cyclic stick used to speed up, slow down and go left or right, the collective lever used to make the craft rise or fall and two foot pedals used to control the tail rotor.

For the trial flight you only take control of the cyclic stick in flight, but it's good to understand the basics before taking off.

Richard stressed how sensitive the stick is and explained where we would be flying and that once we were levelled out and settled in to a cruise the controls would be passed to me.

The Robinson R22 has a perspex canopy (the



MIND BLOWING: Jon Coates takes to the sky in a truly unforgettable experience flying a helicopter

front windscreen) stretching down to near your feet, which gives an incredible view and makes you feel like you're floating on air.

It was an amazing feeling just lifting off with the whole of Medway stretching in front of me as we headed towards Leeds Castle. Then after just a few minutes I gripped the control stick and was flying.

Despite the safety warnings I immediately sent us veering off to the right. But Richard soon corrected me and I managed to keep a straight course, which is the aim of the introductory lesson. As I relaxed and my confidence grew I was able to look around and take in the stunning views, having been blessed with clear blue skies on a rare sunny winter day.

The feeling of keeping it straight and level, and speeding up to make small alterations in direction to the left or right was brilliant.

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Finishing school to help motivate our youngsters

TROUBLESOME teenagers are being invited to clean up their act by attending a modern-day version of a finishing school.

Shy youngsters and those with low self-esteem have also taken part in the Brand You Experience, which aims to help school leavers prepare for working life through a series of motivational workshops.

The scheme, which started in Dover last year and is now being extended to Maidstone, is a joint initiative between Kent County Council and mentoring and coaching organisation Beyond Excellence.

Project leader Dean Martin said: "Some of the schools used the course as a means of rewarding pupils who weren't troublemakers but who rarely shined in the classroom. But then we had some who were bouncing off the walls and others who had very low opinions of themselves and perhaps weren't receiving the right support at home."

The next Brand You Experience course runs for five days from Monday, February 16, at Bradbourne House, East Malling, Maidstone. Each session runs from 9.30am until 3.30pm daily, and Mr Martin is encouraging potential employers to visit and offer their support to the youngsters.

He said: "We have found from talking to young people and employers that they are often poles apart in what they expect from each other."

For more details on the scheme call Mr Martin on 01843 844939.

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Anglers unite to tackle 'outrageous' EU scheme

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

EU PLANS to limit the amount of fish amateur anglers can catch will harm the shops and businesses that rely on the popular hobby, say opponents.

Boat charter companies, tackle shops and other businesses could suffer unless the European Union withdraws what many insiders believe is an unfair ruling for recreational fishermen in the UK.

The plans are aimed at clamping down on Continental fishermen who use large nets to gather fish to feed their families.

If the EU does not back down, skippers who take tourists on sea-angling trips off Kent's coast and those who fish from piers will have to abide by the same quota rules as commercial fishermen throughout Europe.

Kent Charter Fishing owner Dave Hancock said: "This could slaughter our business, but



CAUGHT OUT: UK anglers are upset at planned quotas

we may have no choice but to deal with it.

"It would make life very difficult and mean we would have to fish for different species and record every catch, which would be a big hassle. If you put our catches beside the amount caught by commercial fishermen, the numbers are insignificant. It doesn't seem fair. We want things to stay the way they are."

Kent MEP Daniel Hannan, who is a member of the European Parliament's committee on fisheries, said: "It's outrageous that they

are extending this policy to recreational anglers. When large-scale commercial fishing in places such as Margate dried up, people started taking tourists out on angling trips on boats instead.

"For them to have to register their catch is preposterous. But I think there's a reasonable chance of stopping this going through. I'm fairly confident we'll be able to fix it."

About 1.4 million people enjoy sea fishing off Britain, creating about 20,000 jobs in the process. The newly-formed Angling Trust has promised to fight the new proposals all the way and is encouraging recreational fishermen to contact their MEPs.

Member Leon Roskilly said: "We would like the two sectors [commercial and recreational] to be regulated differently and more appropriately, because if this goes through it will have a hell of an impact."

"We're having meetings with Defra and the European Anglers' Alliance. There's been a furore over this – whoever came up with this regulation can't have imagined they would receive such a reaction."

Police frustration at violent crime statistical error

A LEADING Kent police officer has voiced "frustration" over the force's misreporting of serious violent crimes in the county.

Kent Police were among 18 forces that had incorrectly counted the numbers of the most serious offences such as murder and grievous bodily harm (GBH) due to a change in Home Office guidance.

The county constabulary was forced to suspend serious violent offences statistics from its crime figures for the third quarter of 2008.

Acting Assistant Chief Constable Peter West said: "It is frustrating, in so much as when there are new crime recording and differences introduced and the guidance that goes with it, it takes a period of settling down."

"We have suspended our figures because of applying the wrong interpretation to the guidelines, but we will know the figures before the end of the financial year," Mr West added.

"Serious violent crime was 6.3 per cent of our total – 1,277 out of 20,204 – and when we have gone through every one with the most recent guidance, every indication is that the figure will fall."

He said the changes did not alter the fact that violent crime in the county was falling. Kent showed a nine per cent reduction in total violent crime.

Innovative midwives rewarded by reduction in caesarean rates

MIDWIVES in Kent have developed an idea that has seen caesarean section rates drop by five per cent.

Concerns have been raised that caesarean rates, which had doubled in 10 years, are too high and the NHS has been working to ensure more women have normal births.

Sarah Gregson, a consultant midwife for Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust, entered her team into the Royal College of

Midwives (RCM) annual awards in the innovation category.

They arranged for the midwife caring for a woman in labour to fill in a form every hour noting information such as changes of position and keeping the woman upright. Midwives also encourage different support strategies, such as using water.

And their work, which has cut caesarean rates, was placed in the UK top three at a ceremony at the Royal Garden Hotel in London.

The audit tool, devised in 2003 by a group of midwives led by Hilary Thomas at Pembury Hospital, was used again during 2007-08.

Mrs Gregson said: "C-section rates have doubled across the UK but we have not been saving more mothers or babies because of it."

"Maternity services are looking at how we can increase normal births because there are health benefits for both mother and child."

Research shows that women who give birth normally are more likely to breast feed, which is best for the newborn. During the second trial of the audit, caesarean rates dropped by two per cent overall from 26 per cent of births in 2007 to 23.4 per cent in 2008.

Mrs Gregson said that while C-sections were important for women experiencing serious complications or with medical conditions, many were being carried out unnecessarily.

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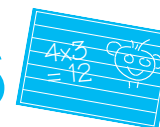





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Dad heads back to the classroom for a day...



BRIGHT: Chris and son set for a day at Westmeads Infant school, where dad is impressed by what he sees...

Yourcanterbury editor **Chris Britcher** joins his son to experience life in a top Whitstable infant school

GULP. Thirty minutes into my return to infant school education and I am learning things I cannot for the life of me remember being taught in my time in class.

There is something a tad disconcerting sitting among six and seven-year-old children as they discuss the cortex, limbic and reptilian parts of the human brain and what roles they fulfil.

After picking my jaw up off the floor the top half of my face tumbles down to join it when one youngster puts his hand up and starts discussing neurons.

You could be forgiven for thinking this is some sort of special school I find myself in; one designed for the super intelligent. But no. This is infant school education 21st century style and, by heck, is it impressive.

I am sat in a brightly lit, beautifully decorated and well equipped classroom at Westmeads Infant School in Whitstable. This is a school no stranger to praise; its latest Ofsted report giving it a flurry of 'outstanding' ratings.

It is also PSHE week – and hence the reason I find myself perched on a tiny plastic school seat next to my six-year-old son.

Personal, Social and Health Education is a key part of the curriculum. Rather than simply developing the brain it aims to boost the personality too. And, as part of a week of special events, parents have been invited in to spend a day with their child and watch them at work and play. Who could resist?

Things are very different to my infant years back in the late 70s, where Panini football stickers and Star Wars in the playground were all that seemed important.

Today's lessons start with a morning workout. We're up on our feet and running through a series of stretches and movements to get our brains ticking over nicely.

By the time we've discussed the brain and then examined number groups I'm impressed by the amount of solid learning going on for such a young age group.

Play time

Then it's lunchtime and the playground proves nothing has really changed; girls skip, boys rush and dash; knees get scraped.

I'm quite relieved by the time the bell goes. I tried to join in a football match and got a boot to my ankle from a particularly 'enthusiastic' boy as he tried to tackle me.

Afternoon back in the classroom is another busy affair. We're talking transport and so with a box of Lego and other construction toys laid before us the class is told to set about building a vehicle of the future.

By the time the end of the day is upon us and a story is read out, I'm feeling like I've done a day's work and have renewed respect for the teacher.

Discipline and respect in the classroom really was first class. In fact, the whole school reeked of getting the combination of learning and fun spot on.

Crucially, though, it's mighty reassuring knowing the next generation are getting such a good start.

BREAK TIME

Lord tunnels in for uni's open lecture

LORD Adonis will launch the Open Lecture Series at the University of Kent on Friday with a talk on the Channel Tunnel.

The minister of state for transport's lecture is entitled The Channel Tunnel – Reflections on a Transport Revolution.

The lecture will take place on January 30 at 6pm in the Brabourne lecture theatre, in the Keynes College on the university's Canterbury campus.

The lecture is free and open to all. Other speakers in the spring programme are Professor Baum, giving the Kent Cancer Trust Lecture and Professor Jones, who will ask: Is Human Evolution Over?

Gallery draws in talent from schools

WORKS by the artists of tomorrow are on display now at the Sidney Cooper Gallery in Canterbury.

The annual Artists of Tomorrow exhibition brings together selected artwork from local schools, across a wide range of formats.

This year's exhibition showcases artworks from two of the district's schools, Herne Bay High and Canterbury High, as well as work from schools from other parts of east Kent.

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Each week we get a mystery writer to air their views on living in and around Canterbury...

Why we should wrap TV star Brian Cant up in cotton wool

FIRST Oliver Postgate and now Tony Hart. For those 30-some-things weaned on a diet of BBC children's TV of the Seventies and early Eighties, these are dark times indeed.

There is perhaps nothing more likely to bring home to you that youth has truly passed you by and you're entering an older generation, than when entertainers from your childhood start shuffling off this mortal coil.

It was bad enough when, quite recently, I learned the chap who played Timothy Clappole in Rentaghost had died years earlier. Timothy Clappole? Dead? What is the world coming to?

But while Oliver Postgate's creations such as Bagpuss and Ivor the Engine will live on, Tony Hart's death was particularly sad.

Postgate was always a man whose fame grew by his name appearing in the credits of so

many programmes. His face was anonymous.

But for many years, Hart was the embodiment of children's telly. He would occupy a slot prior to Grange Hill or Blue Peter and dazzle us with his gentle artistic talents.

A huge city skyline at night was always a speciality – created on a huge black canvas on the floor; it only becoming apparent what he was creating as a camera staring down from the ceiling brought it to life.

But he was more than that. He was a kindly old uncle; a figure with authority and a sense of fun but with none of the overt 'silliness' which pervades the schedules for youngsters today.

I can remember quite clearly joining an art club at infant school as they promised to send work off to the BBC to try and appear in Hart's The Gallery. The Gallery was perhaps the earliest form of reality TV. As muzak played in the background the camera simply panned 'art' submitted by school children up and down the land. I once met someone who had indeed been fortunate enough to have their work displayed

during this section of the show and I was left in awe.

But Hart did not work alone ploughing a lonely furrow as a key component of children's television. Oh no, he had help. There was Morph. A little brown plasticine figure who lived in Hart's art box – the grandfather to Wallace and Gromit and a creation of future Oscar-winner Nick Park. I assume he, Morph that is, still lives on and is currently in mourning for Hart. Cripes, if he still lives in that box I hope someone knows and can let him out for a stretch of his legs, otherwise we could face another tragedy.

In the meantime we must treasure those that remain. Mrs McCluskey from Grange Hill take good care of yourself. Brian Cant, keep safe and warm. Johnny Ball – think of a big number and live the equivalent in years.

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There will be a host of crafting celebrities to entertain, educate and pass on their skills and knowledge over the three days. Stephanie Weightman, from Ideal World and Create & Craft TV and Debbi Moore, expert crafting presenter, will both be running a programme of workshops. Joan Gordon, sewing and craft designer with over 25 years experience, will be hosting a Sewing Clinic for those wishing to pick up all the tricks of the trade and to answer all your sewing queries. Also from Create & Craft TV, Wendie Rhodes will be hosting her highly popular series of free demon-

stration lectures covering a huge range of topics.

The world of Guilds and Associations will be represented by The Embroiderers' Guild, The Guild of Silk Painters (Essex branch), Middlesex Federation of Women's Institutes and the Tower Hamlets Idea Store of Learning who will all be giving demonstrations and displays of their members' activities.

Marlene Carr, the Show Manager for this event says: "The London Stitch & Creative Crafts Show is a great day out for both the experienced and the beginner crafter. The wide range of exhibitors offer visitors every conceivable type of crafting product, demonstrations and workshops and with the excellent London ExCeL, we really will have something for everyone at this superb show."

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TALK TIME

RORY HADFIELD

The jewellery designer and owner of Hadfield's of Castle Street, Canterbury, talks about making unique, bespoke pieces for some very famous people.



How did you get into jewellery design?

I studied at Medway College of Design in 1966. The proper name for it is diamond mounting – anything to do with mounting gems in necklaces, rings and such. I learned from very experienced craftsmen, who were kind enough to put some work my way. From college I worked in Folkestone for a while. Once you do a good job your reputation spreads and I haven't looked back. We've been getting commissions ever since, including cufflinks for Prince Charles and a badge for the High Sheriff of Kent.

Do you have your own particular style of design?

I try to make unusual pieces that are unique. But the designs have to be practical, and can't date. It's easy to make unusual, outrageous pieces that will date in 18 months, then look out of fashion. But good design is timeless. To be a good designer it is important that you know how something is made from scratch.

What's the most unusual piece you've been asked to make?

There have been so many. One man wanted Medusa earrings for his girlfriend. The snakes' heads were studded with diamonds and I wanted to make a pretty Medusa, so had to carve the details on tiny earrings. We get to know our clients, about their background and why they want a particular piece made, whether they like very contemporary design or classic pieces. It's important that our work reflects exactly what customers want.

YOUR LETTERS



Sporting chance of a big cultural shift

I am a student at the University of Kent and wish to comment on your story about Body and Mind Leisure's plans for a beach volleyball court at Victoria recreation ground, near Canterbury High School.

The weather and lack of places to play are the only reasons beach volleyball isn't a huge part of British culture. When there is good weather and the opportunity to play, people do enjoy it.

Sporting cultural attitudes can change, if people have a court readily available near them.

This could make beach volleyball a popular summer sport in urban areas. This would be great, as there is very little provision I think for urban beach volleyball.

The Body and Mind proposal is similar to a scheme in Brighton which has been successful.

Of course the scheme would be more popular if costs to use it were kept to a minimum, and preferably free.

But if there had to be a small fee for maintenance, I still think a lot of people would be willing to go along and play.

Sam Sengelow, Gillingham



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If volleyball's good enough for Ringo ...

As much as I enjoyed reading your recent story on the petition

against the volleyball courts in Canterbury, I did feel there should have been more in defence of the 'minority sport'.

It was rather obvious those behind the petition are not recognising (or perhaps even aware)

this 'niche' sport is an Olympic event. Although beach volleyball is still in its Olympics infancy, it is hugely visible around the world and has been one of the most popular spectator sports ever to be included on the Olympics programme.

The sport has seen overwhelming spectator and television success, from Atlanta in 1996 through to Beijing 2008. As beach volleyball exists in Kent, albeit at a minimal level, perhaps those low-income families should be embracing the opportunity for their children to participate in a low-cost recreational activity. Who knows, one of their own children may one day be participating in the Olympics.

Lastly, during their 1960s tours of the United States, the Beatles appeared at Sorrento beach in Los Angeles and played beach volleyball – you can't get more British than that!

E McGown, Canterbury

Brown's 'prudence' comes at high price

An open letter to Gordon Brown: I was bemused to read that the directors of Northern Rock are to share bonuses worth £8.8 million.

As a member of the public who thought your Government had bailed out this badly run company, and that Northern Rock was only still in existence because of public funds, I am deafened by the silence from your lips.

Perhaps you are – as you often tell us – being prudent. But the word I would use over this, and so many other financial judgments, is incompetent.

Ian R Elliott, Chestfield

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It would also be of great benefit to the local economy as the most likely users would all come from the immediate area.

A range of new stalls would be an attraction for shoppers as well.

The debate about what to do with Woolworths' unused sites should end now and this excellent suggestion be taken up.

Brian Murrell, by email

Why is actress still fighting for justice?

That Joanna Lumley is yet again backing the Gurkhas in their bid to remain in this country without restrictions is obviously good.

But why does she need to keep fighting this issue?

It should have been settled ages



ago and these brave men given the same rights as everybody else who can come here.

They contribute far more to this country than any number of economic migrants and the Government should be ashamed of the way it is dragging its feet.

Lucy Morgan, by email

It's hard not to scoff at such foolishness

It is ridiculous that fat people are being given a cash incentive to slim. Why don't they just do it because of a sense of self-respect?

They would be healthier and better off as they obviously would not be buying as much food to scoff.

Robert Mountjoy, by email



Don't reward those who made this mess

The credit crunch has seen a number of unwelcome side issues and one of these is the vast sums being paid to bail out banks.

It is pure nonsense, as all they can then offer is to lend it back to the taxpayers who forked out in the first place, at added interest, to pay their own wages. Surely the best option

would have been for the Government to offer tax breaks and rebates to people in work. They could then spend the money and generate wealth by boosting retail trade, going shopping, taking trips to other places or putting the cash towards buying a home. Why give it to the banks? They caused the problem in the first place.

Jerry Purnell, by email

Making his pitch ...

With spring around the corner, it's about time Kent started to build for the new cricket season.

After last year's relegation and losing in two finals, surely there is a priority to bring in top-class players.

To my mind the batting is all right, but the bowling, especially in the pace department, could do with strengthening.

The loss of Yasir Arafat is a big blow, and with the possibility that Amjad Khan and Robbie Joseph could be involved in the England set-up, resources look a little slim to say the least.

So let's see some good signings, above all of players who want to play for the county and are not just after a quick payday.

Philip Goodwin, by email



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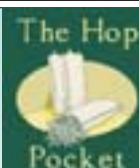
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For a look at the monthly set or a la carte menu, see their new website by logging on to: www.martinsrestaurant.co.uk.

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■ The White Horse Inn

THIS inn at Bridge has launched a special menu for Valentine's Day.

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On offer are such delights as field mushrooms stuffed with garlic mozzarella and potted crab with crusty bread for starters.

Main courses include pan fried duck breast with a cherry and red wine sauce and chicken breast stuffed with stilton but full details can be obtained by calling 01227 832814.

The pub is also open for business as usual in the coming weeks with food served on weekdays between noon and 2.30pm and 6pm and 9pm. Saturday the kitchen is open all day while Sunday lunches are on offer between noon and 5.30pm.

All dishes are homemade and seasonal vegetables and fruits are a major attraction – as is the large selection of fish and game.

Owners Karen and John Marshall have recently acquired the White Horse and also



run the extremely popular George pub at Molash, which has been thriving during their seven years of tenure.

Karen said: "The White Horse has been reopened and redecorated and we serve a very exciting menu. We want our customers to leave having had an excellent experience."

Book now for the big day

■ The George at Molash

THIS friendly pub offers a warm welcome and great service.

Bookings are currently being taken for a special Valentine's Day menu which includes starters such as chicken liver pate and field mushrooms cooked in garlic and topped with stilton.

Main courses include rack of lamb with minted crushed potatoes and a rosemary jus or pan fried salmon served on a bed of crayfish risotto.

To check on the full menu for the big day please call 01233 740323.

The pub is open from Monday to Thursday from 11am to 3pm and 6pm to 11pm. From Friday to Sunday opening hours are 11am until midnight.

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White Horse, Bridge

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Then move on to a main course of medallions of venison before completing the meal with homemade bread and butter pudding.

The George, Molash

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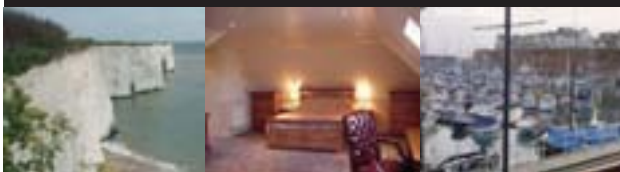
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A member of the highly regarded
Fox acting dynasty, Edward has
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Redford and Sir Laurence Olivier in
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also had a role in the Oscar-winning
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This is not his first foray into the
world of the upper crust – Fox has
even portrayed royalty, playing King
Edward VIII in the popular 1980
mini-series, Edward and Mrs
Simpson, for which he won a BAFTA.
But he has also played characters
from the other end of the social spec-
trum, such as the dignified butler
Lane in a 2002 film version of Oscar
Wilde's The Importance of Being

Earnest, starring Colin Firth and
Rupert Everett.

Helen Ryan has made many stage
and radio appearances and on screen
she has acted in TV series as diverse
as Green Wing and Midsomer
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Confetti and the Oscar nominated
classic The Elephant Man.

The play's author was the brother of
Sir Alec Douglas Home, who became
Prime Minister in 1964. William
Douglas Home was an aristocrat who
began writing plays as a child, stud-
ied at RADA and went on to become
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On Thursday, Scott H Biram (pictured) will be demonstrating why he calls himself the Dirty Old One Man Band, giving traditional

one-man blues a raucous modern twist. The Canterbury audience is lucky to be seeing the American at all – in April 2003 he was hit head-on by a truck at 75mph. But he still managed to perform just one month later, despite breaking both legs, a foot and an arm and losing 1ft of lower intestine.

On Friday, folk troubadour Eugene McGuinness, a 22-year-old Irish/Londoner from Liverpool, will invoke the spirit of days gone by with his balladeering. He straddles genres from post-punk to skiffle beats and cites Shane MacGowan as one of his major influences.

Tickets to both concerts cost £5. For details visit www.thefarmhousecanterbury.co.uk.



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Friday, January 30
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TWILIGHT Folk Club presents a concert by acclaimed singer-songwriter Robb Johnson.

Described by critics as "the UK's most consistently strong songwriter" and "creator of some of the most potent songs of the last decade", Johnson is a performer not to be missed. He plays extensively in Europe, has toured Britain supporting Chumbawamba and has worked in the US with David Rovics.

Also on the bill is Drohne who first encountered the hurdy gurdy in 1968. He draws on old influences and uses instruments associated with European music, to create music that is essentially contemporary English.

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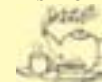
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YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY TOM BETTS

CORONATION STREET
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IT'S been a long time since Coronation Street was a regular part of my TV diet.

This most British of shows drifted off my radar a few years back, but post-Christmas seemed like an apt place to resume viewing.

After crowbar-wielding uber villain Richard Hillman had bumped off a fair number of the street's residents – but unfortunately not Hamster-faced Gail Platt – I figured it couldn't get any better.

In short, it seemed like a good place to call it a day.

On the recommendation of a friend however, I decided to take a look a few weeks back to see how life 'oop north' was being played out these days and what had become of the Rovers Return regulars.

She said it "was going great guns" so I tuned in, expectantly.

The good news is that Corrie still maintains a certain down-home humour, with characters like thick as two short planks Kirk, acid-tongued Blanche and, above all others, the curtain-twitching Norris, providing more than enough titter value.

Peter Barlow's battles with alcoholism have been deftly handled and the amusing arrest of Tyrone before his wedding was also great fun.

It is in its mainstay characters that Corrie comes into its own though.

This 30 minutes is as comforting as a cup of tea or an episode of Bullseye on UK Gold at Sunday tea time.

Just where would this country be without Emily Bishop, Kevin Webster, Rita Fairclough and intellectual moral



MUCH-LOVED: Coronation Street characters such as Norris Cole are now a TV institution

guardian of the working classes, Ken Barlow, as ever-presents on the box?

Up a creek without so much as a paddle, that's where.

I dread to think what would happen would happen if 'Our Ken' and his oddly fertile head of golden hair actually left the Street? The fall of civilisation as we know it, that's what.

More skilfully written than Emmerdale, and not as cloyingly self-aware as Hollyoaks, Corrie is, I'm glad to report, alive and kicking and miles ahead of its trashy counterparts.

Dripping in tradition, and with the kind of subtle acting the doughnuts on EastEnders would kill to be able to pull off, let's raise a pint of Newton and Ridley's best bitter to the Street.

If you are going to devote a significant part of your life keeping up to date with a soap opera, then at least have the sense to make it this one.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

YOUR ideas get lots of attention this week. Be as bold and visionary as you dare. Nobody will laugh at your proposals. We're emerging from a very cautious period. Taking a risk will breathe new life into an organisation or relationship that is threatening to go stale.

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TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

IT may be time to pause and take stock of your career plans. If you've been thinking about switching industries, this is the year to do so. Have a talk with a respected executive who has experienced many professional twists and turns. Their advice will prove invaluable.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

A MEETING of the minds gives you renewed hope for the future. At times you've despaired of ever meeting a person who truly understands you. Recently an intelligent person has entered your social circle. Together, you could form a powerful romantic or creative partnership.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

TAKING a short trip to see family could be in the cards. At first this journey will seem like a hassle, but eventually you'll get into the spirit of things. If a relative asks for your honest opinion, give it. Be mindful of their feelings, though. It's possible to be truthful and tactful.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

YOU'VE always been a solitary person and that's especially true this week. Daydreaming is infinitely more interesting than work. Unfortunately, you don't get paid much for fantasising. Therefore, you need to schedule time to expand your imagination.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

YOU may have to undertake a long trip for work, education, health or religious reasons. Make sure your passport is up-to-date and you lock in your air and hotel fares. Heed your lover's advice with regard to your love life. Just because you are satisfied doesn't mean he or she is.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

DEVISING a new routine will keep you happy and healthy. It's important to exercise every day. You're the type of person who stores stress in your body. Having a physical outlet for these frustrations will make you sleep better. If you're looking for a job, you could find one related to the media.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

IT may be difficult to get off the phone this week. Everybody has been wondering where you've been. Actually, you probably haven't gone anywhere; you were just busy working. Still, it's nice to know you were missed. Take this opportunity to catch-up with friends.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

PLANNING a reunion for friends is a good use of your time. Too often you get so wrapped up with work that you neglect your social life. Take this opportunity to set aside time for the people you love most. Negotiating a higher salary is a distinct possibility later in the week.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

MONEY from an inheritance, tax refund or scholarship helps you to leave a restrictive situation. It's possible you feel guilty about leaving a friend or lover behind, but your very survival is at stake. Clinging to an unhealthy relationship will only make things worse.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

ABANDON yourself to books, music, and movies this week. Lately you've been spending a lot of time cooped up at home. A social butterfly like you needs to get out and have fun. True, you have responsibilities, but they shouldn't consign you to a life of drudgery.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

YOU'RE earning more money than ever so it's necessary to create a financial master plan or you could waste your time and effort. Keep in mind that you won't always be this flush. By putting a percentage of income into savings you'll create a secure financial foundation.

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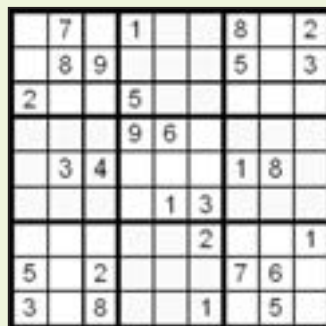
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- 1 Primary graduates in charge (5)
- 4 Bottle contained 50 per cent, Jack concluded (8)
- 8 Coordinator with prize container (9-5)
- 10 Protect bird finding safety barrier (9)
- 11 Venetian magistrate trapped daughter's duck (5)
- 12 Underground pipe (4)
- 13 Scene Ron shifted into place appearing in television programme (2-6)
- 17 Contributor to state revenue (8)
- 18 Thoroughly replete (4)
- 22 Dog one going to a provincial senate (5)
- 24 By accepting ten, it appears, on chart depicting life history (9)
- 25 His improvement surprisingly not an enriching experience (14)
- 26 Scatter, it's only a light fall of rain (8)
- 27 Fertiliser tin returned by engineer (5)

DOWN

- 1 Bring in the past (7)
- 2 Notable fight by railway (6-3)
- 3 Lady is able first to find the country (6)
- 4 Sorrowful lads I'm shaking (6)
- 5 Lady is to come down in American state (8)
- 6 Jude and I can develop prejudice (8)
- 7 Soaked some of those denims (5)
- 9 Protein in maize included (4)
- 14 Kit's set of tools (9)
- 15 Dandy's pasta tubes (8)
- 16 Refreshing interval during working day (3-5)
- 17 Pile did not start with drawing-pin (4)
- 19 First gear? (7)
- 20 Not in any manner at present with one's sweetheart (6)
- 21 Raggedly-dressed child lurching within (6)
- 23 Do some more mapping and assign function to a different key (5)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Titlark (5)
- 4 Crustacean's cover (8)
- 8 In front of one's rivals (5,2,3,4)
- 10 Region in SW France (9)
- 11 Swill (5)
- 12 Vast (4)
- 13 People who are related (8)
- 17 Credulous (4-4)
- 18 Pant (4)
- 22 Life-giving (5)
- 24 Free musical composition (9)
- 25 Town in Leicestershire (5-2-2-5)
- 26 Marsupial (8)
- 27 Attain (3,2)

DOWN

- 1 Ancient Egyptian king (7)
- 2 Condemned beforehand (9)
- 3 Up to now (2,4)
- 4 Something added at the end (6)
- 5 Vigorous (8)
- 6 Tower block (4-4)
- 7 Melon (anag.) (5)
- 9 Stream (4)
- 14 In part payment (2,7)
- 15 Hothouse pest (5-3)
- 16 Juniper (3,5)
- 17 Billow (4)
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- 20 Greek sun-god (6)
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- 23 Unit of flux (5)

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CRYPTIC SOLUTION No71

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Michael plays out of his skin in lead role as Frost

■ BY SARAH O'MEARA

PEOPLE don't tend to recognise the name Michael Sheen until you mention Tony Blair.

Better known for his uncannily life-like impersonation of the former Prime Minister in the 2006 film *The Queen*, than for his roles in *Blood Diamond* and *Laws of Attraction*, the boyish 39-year-old actor is still trying to break free from Downing Street.

He's managed an escape of sorts in new film *Frost/Nixon*, where he plays another British institution, Sir David Frost.

The film began as a play by Peter Morgan and has already been a hit with stage critics, but will British film audiences admire his portrayal of the much-loved television journalist as much as they adored his Tony Blair?

In *Frost/Nixon*, David Frost is presented as a failing 70s TV personality, desperate to boost his flagging career. In a bid to make his name, he buys the first-ever television interview with disgraced ex-president Richard Nixon after the Watergate scandal.

Hoping to force an admission of guilt from Nixon and make broadcasting history, Frost takes on the ferocious former president who has other ideas.

Michael says the reaction to the play on London, Broadway and finally on screen, has been extraordinary.

"I talked with people who've seen the play, and the movie, and they say they get to a certain point and realise they haven't breathed for a minute. Any story that makes anybody that engaged, well it's a good sign."

The Welsh actor's knack for disappearing under the skins of famous men (he played Oscar's lover in *Wilde* and Kenneth Williams in *Fantabulosa*) assured him a safe acting passage to Hollywood.



COMPELLING: Michael Sheen stars as David Frost

But despite recent roles in *Blood Diamond*, alongside Leonardo DiCaprio, and *Laws of Attraction*, starring Pierce Brosnan and Julianne Moore, Michael still hasn't managed to eclipse the fame of his 'real life' characters. *Frost/Nixon* may change that.

Watching his attempts to catch out the former president (Frank Langella), is utterly compelling. Critics say his performance as the egotistical Frost could win him an Oscar.

"I felt like every time we did the performance, and then the film, whenever we were together there was always something real going on. It was never a repeat of what had been done before," he says.

The son of a part-time Jack Nicholson look-alike, Sheen says the hardest part of moving the play from stage to film was keeping it real.

"The challenge was to play someone who has, on the surface, a superficiality and light-

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weightness, but to try and get across how much things are unravelling underneath."

Luckily, the well-respected TV presenter has been gracious about the play, and the film. But Michael says that playing a person who is still alive can be complicated.

"I avoided meeting Sir David until after we opened on stage because it's a warts and all portrayal, and he's such an engaging, nice man."

Under strict orders to stay away from the notable television personality, Michael admits he accidentally bumped into him midway through rehearsals.

"I'd been sworn off seeing him by writer, Peter Morgan, and then I saw him walking down the street one day. I have to admit I was his stalker and followed him. I watched how he walked and all that sort of stuff, and took pictures of him on my mobile phone. To this day he's not even aware of that!"

FROST/NIXON
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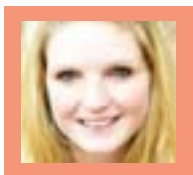
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Happy-go-lucky 19yr old brunette, blue eyes, slim, loves meeting new people, WLTm a down-to-earth male for friendship to start but hopefully something more. Box 445285 ①

TAKE ME FOR WHO I AM

Hi I'm Sam, 22, looking for a relationship. I'm blonde, have brown eyes, love cosy nights in and cinema, looking to share a relationship. Box 447871 ①

SINGLE DAD WANTED

Single mum, 23, nice and curvy, 5ft6, blonde, blue eyes, likes shopping, cinema and animals, WLTm an honest and trustworthy male, 28-38. Box 446099 ①

SOCCER FAN SEEKS SOULMATE

Fun to be with blonde female, 25, 5ft2, loves football(!), going out and staying in, looking for a like-minded man to be my soulmate. Box 446494 ①

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SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

Lively female, 26, 5ft2, brown hair, green eyes, size 10, single mum, enjoys most things, seeks genuine, laid-back guy, for fun, friendship and more. Box 428555 ①

HOLD MY HAND

Single mum, 28, looking for LTR. I enjoy cosy nights in, dancing, dining out. I'm 5ft1, short hair, blue eyes. Box 445363 ①

A GOOD HEART THESE DAYS...

Tall, attractive, good hearted African female, 28yr old, enjoys films, good food and cuddles, WLTm a white male for friendship and romance. Box 441654 ①

NO TIMEWASTERS!

Easilygoing female, 32, enjoys shopping, football, eating out, cosy night in, WLTm loving, caring white male 35-47 for long term loving relationship. Box 444214 ①

CHATHAM UP!

Pretty black female, 32, tall, loves watching football, shopping, travel, seeking tall, white, loving male, 34-47, for LTR. Chatham. Box 437778 ①

HORSES FOR COURSES...

Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013 ①

CANTERBURY TALE

Hi guys, fun-loving single mum, 34, WLTm the man of my dreams! I'm gorgeous, honest and full of life! Only decent, honest men may apply!! Box 406570 ①

FUN-LOVING FEMALE

Attractive, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTm intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734 ①

SOUND GOOD?

Hello I'm 35, kind, caring and non-smoking, enjoy cooking, cinema, music, dining in and out, looking for that special someone to enjoy a relationship with. Box 447595 ①

CLOSE ENCOUNTER

Loving, caring, tactile female, 36, 5'8", blonde hair, blue-eyes, N/S, GSOH, likes cinema, bowling, country pubs, nights out, seeks male for friendship and LTR. Box 827619 ①

FRIENDSHIP, MAYBE MORE

Social, genuine, honest, single mum, 36, 5ft6, I've got hazel eyes and dark hair and enjoy the cinema, meals out. WLTm sincere, attractive, genuine male. Box 446840 ①

ON THE LOOKOUT FOR LOVE

37yr old female, 2 kids, slim, brown hair and eyes, 5ft2, looking for caring, loving, honest and trusting male to be my someone special. Box 446552 ①

TRY ME

Asford-based woman looking for an honest, friendly, caring and loving man. I have 2 kids and enjoy the usual things in life. Box 446895 ①

HISTORIC MEETING?

Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693 ①

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Cute, single mum of 4, 38yrs old, Kent based, into most things, looking for friendship or possibly romance. Box 897983 ①

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Hi I'm Judith, 40, small, blonde hair, blue eyes, love the sea and water-sports, cinema, animals; WLTm fun-loving guy for friendship and see what happens. Box 448107 ①

A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE

Lovely, glossy brunette, 39yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, WLTm a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551 ①

NO TIES

Bored, professional Tunbridge Wells Asian lady, 40, WLTm slim, solvent, professional white male, 40-50, for company, fun, love, laughter. Box 443573 ①

SOULMATE SOUGHT

African descent female, 45, 5ft6, full figure, radiant, happy, attractive, loves music, theatre, travel, the arts, WLTm gentleman who is cultured, kind, solvent and fun. Box 443986 ①

MAKE ME LAUGH!

Fun extrovert person, 45, likes cinema, going out, meals, socialising, 5ft7, dark brown hair/eyes, curvy, seeking nice guy to start off as friends with. Box 442905 ①

COULD IT BE YOU?

Hi I'm 44, slim, 5ft8, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 889800 ①

IT'S WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT!

44yr old female, blonde hair, 5ft5, slim, easilygoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with! Box 436810 ①

SINCERITY

Hi I'm Marian, petite, blonde, green eyes, 46, looking for my Mr Right to have fun with and enjoy lasting relationship. Box 447986 ①

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?

Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444586 ①

HELP ME OPEN UP

Easilygoing lady 48, dark brown hair/blue eyes, medium build, likes life, socialising, the seaside, walks, drinks, WLTm male to share a bottle of wine with. Box 444585 ①

HAPPY GO LUCKY

Sincere, happy woman, with GSOH. I'm 5ft6, with short brown hair, brown eyes. I have lots of interests and WLTm similar guy. Box 895019 ①

LISA THE LOVE OF YOUR LIFE?

Down-to-earth girl, 48, 6ft1, blonde, medium build, like reading, walking, theatre, cinema, WLTm similar family-orientated man for lasting love. Box 448275 ①

A NEW DAY BEGINS

Bubbly female, 48, GSOH, slim, non-smoker, enjoys outdoors, cooking, home-life, cosy nights in, eating out, cinema looking for tall, sincere gentleman, for friendship/relationship. Box 448032 ①

ALL THAT I NEED

Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving, outgoing, N/S, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out, staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50. Aylesford. Box 428833 ①

LAUGHTER, THE BEST MEDICINE

Help me write my stand-up comedy routine! I'm 49, you'll need to make me laugh out loud and understand observational comedy to make the grade. Box 892640 ①

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I'm a single mum of 42, catering manager, looking to find someone to have fun, laughs and enjoying life with. I like walks, cycling, socialising. Box 883204 ①

COUNTRY LASS

Country-loving happy lady, 42, green eyes, long curly hair, good figure, looking for a genuine guy for a serious relationship and happy moments. Box 883723 ①

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BLONDE AMBITION

Bubbly, cuddly, blonde single mum, 38, 5'6", likes cars, reading, pubs, nights in, having a laugh, looking for that right male for LTR. Box 905614 ①

GENUINE REPLIES ONLY

Bubbly female, 44, brunette, N/S, medium/large build, enjoys singing and theatre. Would love to meet a decent fun-loving guy, similar age, pref non-smoker for LTR. Box 445955 ①

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Cheerful, honest, popular blonde, 50yrs old, 5ft2, slim, looking to find an honest, loyal man. Ian please call again/leave contact details. Box 887347 ①

CALL ME!

Recently separated single mum, 51, genuine and loving, GSOH, loves animals and stocky men, looking for a special someone to share fun nights in/out with. Box 448354 ①

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Petite, blonde female, 50, GSOH, likes music, books, films, cooking, looking for romantic soulmate, 40-55, for TLC. Kent. Box 835181 ①

CARING & PROFESSIONAL

Female 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim, likes pubs, socialising, seeking friendly chap, 48-55. Hastings Box 417100 ①

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55yr old woman, brown hair/blue eyes, 5ft2, I'm divorced with a grown up family. I enjoy reading, travel, cinema, music, eating out. WLTm caring, genuine man. Box 446798 ①

PISCES OR CAPRICORN?

Star-struck lady, 59, 5ft3, medium build, blonde, blue eyes, likes swimming, holidays, the sea. WLTm tall man with good heart for love. Box 448240 ①

CUDDLE UP

Medium-build lady, 62, 5ft3, likes dancing, walking, eating in/out, WLTm a caring and considerate male to stay in with on a cold winter's evening. Box 445123 ①

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Female, early 80s, tall, slim, modern, young thinking & very adaptable to people, own house, loves animals, walking & eating out. Box 440502 ①

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Fit young-at-heart very active 69yr old widow, great SOH, lots of TLC to give to the right person. Enjoys walks and more. Box 448129 ①

Women seeking women

FRIENDSHIP, MAYBE MORE

Curvy bi female, 32, seeks like-minded woman, for friendship, hopefully more. Single mum, work part time. Box 889142 ①

HOPEFULLY MORE

Feminine woman, easilygoing, caring, 45, long brown hair, blue eyes. I love music, eating out, reading/writing, drives, weekends away. WLTm boyish female. Box 448248 ①

ATTRACTIVE, BUBBLY LADY

52yrs, 5ft6, blonde, size 12 enjoys good food/wine, theatre, countryside, holidays, seeking a sincere, genuine female, for friendship first, possibly relationship. Box 414143 ①

IS IT ME YOU'RE LOOKING FOR?

Green-eyed girl, 55, 5ft5, size 14-16, animal-loving Sagittarius, seeking a bitch woman, 40-65, for companionship and comfort. Box 447712 ①

WARM-HEARTED

Single friendly guy, genuine, honest, very attractive, 43, 6ft4, slim, short brown hair, green eyes, WLTm affectionate lady for genuine relationship. Box 446879 ①

ROB THE BUILDER

Medium build lad, 43, olive skin, looking for a genuine lady to spend the good/bad times with. Box 447658 ①

BIKER BOY

Single dad, 43, slim, long dark hair, beard, tattooed, looking for a woman who likes doing mad things and having a laugh. Box 448420 ①

A FINE ROMANCE

Easilygoing, attractive, affectionate man, 44, 5ft11, likes cinema, cosy nights in, music, seeking attractive lady for friendship/more. Box 429272 ①

DAD'S THE WORD

Lonely single male, 44, 6ft2, fair hair, great SOH, happy but looking for a lady, 30-60, to have fun with, hopefully something else. Box 446452 ①

I'LL MAKE YOU LAUGH

Very romantic, caring and loyal male, 44, slim, blue eyes, fair hair, great SOH, seeks female, 24-48, with similar interests for hopeful LTR. Hastings. Box 446120 ①

BUILD ME UP BUTTERCUP

Builder by trade, I'm a 44yr old guy, I like cars, TV, watching football, going out, cosy nights in, cycling, walks. You? Box 448205 ①

CUDDLE UP

Single dad, 45, happy in life, would be nice to share it with lovely woman. I like animals, cooking, music. All replies answered. Box 448281 ①

WINE AND DINE

Hi there, I'm a 46yr old guy, bubbly with a GSOH. I like eating in/out, cuddling up on the sofa. Slim build, green/blue eyes. Box 448116 ①

GENUINE & SINCERE

Hard-working male, 47, slim, not bad-looking 5ft8, into most things... sports, pubs/meals, socialising, walks, travel...WLTm slim, honest, loyal, attractive girl with great SOH, for hopeful LTR. Box 444244 ①

ROMANCE! PASSION!

Honest male, 47, likes cinema, walks, holidays, restaurants, seeking romance, love, the woman of my dreams for relationship and more. Box 448253 ①

HEALTHY LOVE...

Hard working guy, 47, WLTm a young lady to enjoy and make the most of life with, finding love along the way. Box 448305 ①

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Fun loving, professional man, 48, likes walking, pubs and interesting conversation amongst other things, seeks affectionate, attractive female for fun and friendship. Box 448298 ①

ROMANCE, PASSION, LAUGHTER

Slim male, 48, 6ft, dark brown hair, grey, attractive, animated, confident, eclectic, seeking soulmate 43-53 forever. Box 446553 ①

PUT THAT SPARK BACK INTO MY LIFE

Virgo male, 40, 5ft7, stocky build, kind, loving, fine guy, enjoys the cinema, meals out, walks on beach. WLTm like-minded person to be my girl. Box 446212 ①

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PROPERTY NEWS

'Browsers' boost levels in interest but not sales

THE first weeks of 2009 have seen a surge in "browsing" for new homes, with the number of enquiries from those seeking to look at properties more than doubling even as actual sales stay low.

One online home sales group says enquiries are up to 429,560 in the four weeks to January 10 from 199,762 in the same period last year.

But potential sellers are discouraged by the falling market.

There were 43,000 new listings in the month to January 10, compared with 89,000 in the same period last year.

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Government support is welcomed by lenders

THE Council of Mortgage Lenders says it welcomes the Government's announcements to support lending in the economy.

The group said the conditions and level of fees imposed on lenders who wish to use the new measures will be particularly important in determining their effectiveness.

Members say this should mean more of the funding that is available may go towards home purchases rather than remortgaging, which would help to support wider activity in the market.

Get a price and advice on how to sell today

ONE estate agent is hoping to breathe new life into the market by encouraging home owners to get their homes valued.

Your Move across east Kent is offering the traditional free valuation but also £200 off fees as well as advice on the realities of selling now.

There's also advice available for those considering renting their property too with discounted landlord fees.

Jackie Davies, area sales director, said: "Many people know that the traditionally busy selling period will soon be upon us but may have concerns as to whether it is appropriate to sell, or rent, particularly in the current market."

"Across south east Kent we are hosting special 'valuation days' on February 5, 6 and 7 where people can check demand and value of their home. All for free."

For further details contact your local Your Move estate agent or visit www.your-move.co.uk.



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BARGAIN: Prices are still falling and discounts are to be had - up to 35 per cent in some cases. And with interest rates slashed too this could be the perfect time to snap up a home

Amid the gloom comes light for eager buyers

■ BY NICK AMES

down a decent deposit - now could be an extremely good time to buy, they claim.

This is because so many homes are selling at a discount and others are coming on to the market cheaply as they have been repossessed.

Other figures show that some mortgage deals are being offered which are actually cheaper than renting in an effort by lenders to boost the market and get it moving again.

Figures released last week by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors showed that although the number of properties sold hit a record low at the end of last year, the

number of enquiries rose at the fastest pace since August 2006.

Research by estate agent Savills shows by the third quarter of 2007, when property values peaked, buying was 44 per cent more expensive than renting.

With the subsequent fall in prices, however, the gap is closing or not there at all.

"It's a cracking time to be buying," says James Greenwood, managing director of the property-search agency Stacks. "There's hardly any competition out there at the moment, so you've got the field to yourself. Prices have been discounted, there are distressed sellers who have to sell and there are some real bargains to be had, anything between 30 per cent and 35 per cent off peak value. We haven't seen anything like this for years."

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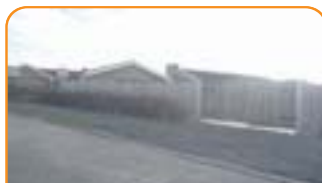
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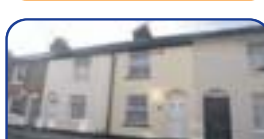
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Alfa turns on small car style with super MiTo

RESURGENT Alfa Romeo has the new MiTo supermini in showrooms (from £10,995) and the Mini firmly in its sights.

Alfa has concentrated on eye-catching style and a good choice of petrol or diesel engines, but the small turbocharged 1.4-litre petrol units seem best suited to upholding Alfa's sporting tradition while meeting current needs for economy, hitting 60mph in eight seconds while averaging up to 46mpg, depending on output.

The newcomer also gets a maximum five stars in the Euro NCAP crash test.



Ka shows cash squeeze in the baby car sector

FORD'S all-new Ka city car has arrived as car buyers think smaller, but pricing is tight at the bottom of the market.

So the cheapest newcomer (from £7,995) undercuts its predecessor by £350.

The Ka 'Mark II' has also been promoted by the latest James Bond film Quantum of Solace – with glamorous Bond girl Olga Kurylenko seen at its wheel.

The newcomer is offered with 68bhp 1.2-litre petrol or 74bhp 1.3 diesel power, both qualifying for the cheapest payable road tax band (£35/year).



Baby Citroën is nosing ahead of its little rivals

CITROËN'S eco-friendly C1 city car (from £7,595) has a butch new front end for 2009, improved cabin and even better CO2 emissions and fuel economy.

Launched in 2005, the C1 is now one of the UK's slowest depreciating and greenest cars, with the new model offering improved CO2 emissions as low as 106g/km. The 1.0-litre petrol engine also now offers improved fuel consumption of up to 62.8mpg on the combined cycle while the 1.4HDI diesel offers an amazing 68.9mpg. Two new C1 trims are offered.



NEW KID ON THE BLOCK: Vauxhall will be attacking German prestige marques BMW/Mercedes/Audi with their new-look Insignia which costs a lot less than its rivals

New Insignia stands for a big change in attitude

ROAD TEST VAUXHALL INSIGNIA

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

fleet customers. The Insignia places it under pressure on all counts and prices start from a modest £15,935 – some £500 less than the final Vectra line-up. Styling is enhanced by two neat touches: blacked out door pillars lower a roofline that already makes the Vauxhall look like a four-door coupé, while the 'blade' detail abaft the front wheel is a master touch suggesting power and muscle.

If the car's sharp suit worries BMW/Merc/Audi then the lining offers little relief even if let down by the budget feel of controls for the driver's seat and other minutiae.

But remember the Insignia is still selling for Vectra prices. Even the sporty 'rep's favourite' SRi model we tested, with its aluminium pedals, climate control, comfy sports seats – including extendable seat base – quality sound system and smart alloys, starts at just over £18,000.

Diesel sales should dominate, of course, but our car's all-new 220PS (218bhp) 2.0-litre Turbo petrol engine impressed and could become the cult engine to complement the Insignia's taut yet supple chassis, for the Vectra's replacement looks and feels more like a driver's than a 'rep's car'. Do not dismiss without a road test.



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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

GERMAN COMPACT EXECUTIVES

USED car prices are set to firm up after being in freefall for several months, but this could still be a good time to snap up one of the three most aspirational cars on the UK market – compact executive models from the German trio of executive marques, BMW, Audi and Mercedes-Benz. In good times, the BMW 3-Series, Audi A4 and Mercedes C-Class hold their value ridiculously well, especially when considering the plentiful used supply, but recessions are a great leveller – and opportunity for those with the necessary cash and desire.

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BMW 3-SERIES



REGARDED as the number one compact executive model for driving pleasure and sheer swank value, the 3-Series' crown is threatened by the numbers available plus new pressure from the Audi and Merc and other plausible rivals. There is plenty of choice, from hatchbacks, stylish estates and barnstorming M3 supercars as well as four and two-door stalwarts. Top engines are the classic BMW straight-six petrol and some smooth diesels – especially the 320d.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

AUDI A4



AUDI'S ambitious compact executive challenger used to be seen as an also-ran hampered by front-wheel drive rather than the rear-wheel drive used by the rival BMW and Merc. However, the overall rise of Audi and the cachet of its Quattro all-wheel drive versions has turned the A4 into the 'thinking man's choice', though the numbers in circulation may weaken prices. It perennially under-achieves on the driving front, but lacks nothing in prestige.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

MERCEDES C-CLASS



MERCEDES-BENZ has put down a marker with the latest C-Class, creating a robust car almost as good to drive as the BMW and arguably better looking than either of its fiercest rivals. Combined with the most prestigious badge of the German trio, this makes the current 'C' sought-after on the nearly new market, though previous generation cars are less so thanks to a period of poorer build and reliability. This means there are bargains diesel estates being the pick.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
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A full Job Description and Person Specification are available for each role. Please apply for an application pack in writing to Mrs Tanya Utton, Headteacher or via e-mail to: recruitment@ursuline.org.uk

Closing date: Tuesday 3rd February 2009
Interviews to be held Monday 9th February 2009

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Start Date: Saturday 28th February - Saturday 16th May 2009 (excluding Easter break)
Hours: Saturday school 09.15 - 12.00 (including free breakfast with students)
Salary: £100 per session
Main aim: Saturday school is a new initiative to support students to achieve at least a grade C at GCSE in English and Maths.
Role: To motivate and enthuse small groups of year 11 students over 10 Saturday sessions.

Previous experience of working at this level essential.
A current Enhanced CRB Disclosure is required.

LEAD ENGLISH AND MATHS CO-ORDINATORS

Start Date: Saturday 28th February - Saturday 16th May 2009 (excluding Easter break)
Hours: Saturday school 09.00 - 13.00 (including free breakfast with students)
Salary: £150 per session
Main aim: Saturday school is a new initiative to support students to achieve at least a grade C at GCSE in English and Maths.
Role: To teach and to co-ordinate the programme and aim to motivate and enthuse small groups of year 11 students over 10 Saturday sessions.

Previous experience of working at this level essential.
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Tel: 01303 277161 ext 2218 Fax: 01303 279342

Closing Date: Friday 6 February 2009

Interviews: Week Commencing 9 February 2009



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Lecturer Animal Care and Land Based

07/87

37 hrs per week salary range £18,387 – £26,363 per annum. Fixed term post ending 13 July 09

Supply Lecturers Higher Education are required in the following areas

Various hours available, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 pro rata per annum

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Counselling (must hold relevant recognised qualification)

S/HE/COU

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S/HE/EY

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Information, Advice and Guidance

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PE/Sport Trainer

Infant School/Early Years

Advanced Practitioner

02/128

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HR Workforce Information Officer

09/03

37 hrs per week, salary starting £16,914 per annum.

Placement Officer

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37 hrs per week, salary starting from £24,408 per annum

Service Desk Technician Level 2

SDT2

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HMYOI Cookham Wood near Rochester has become a Male Juvenile Centre, accommodating 15-17 year olds, commissioned by the Youth Justice Board.

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GRADE 3 PLUMBER

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You will be required to work in both Blantyre House and East Sutton Park.

For both positions, you will have gained a recognised apprenticeship and City & Guilds ordinary certificate or equivalent qualification and have proven relevant experience. A City & Guilds advanced certificate or equivalent qualifications, Corgi, Water Supply Regulations course and Water Treatments course would be desirable. You'll work 39 hours per week excluding meal breaks and be expected to work weekends on a rostered shift pattern.

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Applicants will require an email address in order for applications to be sent to them.**

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is 8 February 2009.

For further information about vacancies within HM Prison Service and about our Prison Establishments please visit www.hmprisonservice.gov.uk

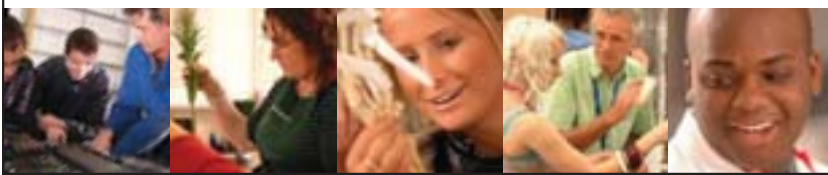
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Learning Support Hair

18.5 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time. Salary starting £16,914 pro rata per annum.

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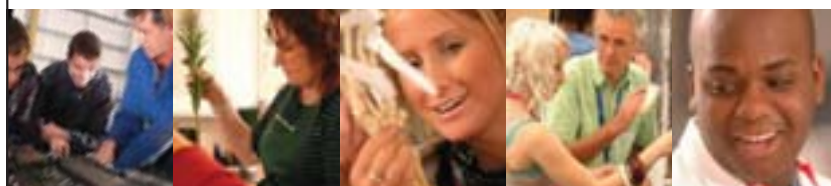
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Director of Human Resources MidKent College Medway Kent

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delivering training services to the Royal School of Military Engineering in Chatham and we are finalising exciting plans for the redevelopment of our site in Maidstone. To complement this we are currently looking for a Director of HR to take full responsibility for the strategic and operational development for all aspects of the HR functions within the College.

Role

- Lead the development of a progressive HR function to support the College's ambitious change agenda.
- Forge strong and professional relationships with the Senior Leadership Team and other stakeholders by demonstrating an ability to deliver highly professional services in line with the College vision and values.
- Contribute significantly to the organisational development of the College and make improvements to individual and team performances which in turn will benefit students.

The Candidate

- You will be qualified to a minimum of CIPD graduate level and have senior management experience of a strategic and operational Human Resource role.
- You will have up-to-date knowledge of current and emerging employment legislation and an impressive and proven track record of moving the HR functions forward in a large, complex and changing organisation.
- You will have a demonstrable track record of leading change and improvement, gaining the support of staff and achieving tangible results.
- You will have superb communication skills and the ability to engage effectively with internal and external stakeholders
- You will be a determined, creative and results orientated individual with the ability to influence at all levels.

For full details and application pack please contact Katherine Reilly on 01634 884398 or email Katherine.reilly@midkent.ac.uk

For a confidential discussion about this exciting post please call Ken Pullan (our retained consultant) on 07725 128661. Closing Date: 9th February 2009.



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Ref: P0264

Salary: £29,267 - £32,898

We have an exciting opportunity for Programme Area Leader in Sport. You'll assist and support the Head of School in the delivery, management and teaching of all sports related subjects. The successful candidate will be educated to degree level and have a recognised teaching qualification.

Lecturer in Sport

Ref: P1000

Salary: £25,092 - £28,719

The College is looking for a passionate and enthusiastic professional to join the Sports team to teach, assess and participate in the development of Sports programmes. The successful candidate will be educated to degree level and have or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification within a specified timeframe.

Instructor/Reviewing Officer

Ref: P0586

Salary: £19,736 - £25,441 pro-rata (22.2 hours per week)

We are looking to appoint a qualified and experienced Assessor/Reviewing Officer for Engineering, Fabrication and Welding. The successful candidate will be highly motivated and able to assess trainees on NVQ qualifications including, 'Train to Gain' learners within our successful Engineering department. A relevant qualification is essential and the successful candidate will have or be willing to work towards Assessor/Verifier and H&S qualifications.

Media Technician

Ref: P1001

Salary: £11,599 - £17,200 pro-rata (18.5 hours per week for 38 weeks)

The Media department is currently looking to expand its provision at Oakwood Park and as a direct result is looking to appoint a Technician to join the team. The ideal candidate will be able to provide technical support to staff and students and will be responsible for setting-up and providing classroom support.

Departmental Administrator

Ref: P0245

Salary: £11,599 - £17,200

We are looking to recruit an Administrator/Secretary with excellent administration and organisational skills, who is able to demonstrate knowledge of office procedures and ability to use MS office packages.

Closing date: Friday, 6 February 2009

Mid-Kent College is working in partnership with RBLI Employment Solutions to support individuals who have a disability or health condition in the application, interview and employment with the college. If you would like any further information regarding RBLI, or require assistance with your application process then please contact RBLI on 0800 783 1144 or visit their website www.rbli.co.uk for information, advice and guidance.

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and vulnerable adults and anyone applying for work with the College is expected to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the Personnel department on 01634 884402 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.

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**Children's Worker, Ashford Women's Refuge x2**
Part-Time • 17,000 pro rata

The Rising Sun Domestic Violence Project has secured 1 year's funding for 2 part-time children's workers to work with children living in Ashford Refuge. The posts are each 15 1/2 hours per week and are to be worked together. Each person will work 2 mornings and 3 after school sessions offering support, mentoring and preschool play sessions. We are looking for someone with an NVQ level 2 or above in childcare. Experience of working with children in an appropriate setting (school; playgroup; nursery etc) an advantage as is an interest in supporting children who have experienced living with Domestic Abuse. An enhanced CRB check is required. Only women need apply - Exempt under the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 Section 7 (2) (e).

Please E-mail: emma@rsvdp.co.uk for an application form.
Closing date Friday February 6th. Interview date to be arranged.

Busy Nursery School has the following vacancies

Nursery Manager required for day to day running of a busy day nursery. NVQ3 and previous experience in this post is essential (full time).

Head of under 3's. Duties to include the day to day running of our under three year olds classrooms. NVQ 3 and experience in a similar post is essential (full time).

Montessori Teacher. Must have relevant Montessori qualification (part/full time).

Nursery Nurse. NVQ 2 or 3 or equiv (part/full time).

Please contact for further details:
Tel: 01843 600444 between 8:00am and 5:00pm (Mon-Fri)

**Traffic Office Assistant**

An excellent opportunity has arisen for an Administrative Assistant to support the Traffic Office Coordinator within this busy working environment.

The successful applicant must have strong customer service focus, the ability to work under pressure and be proficient in most Microsoft packages. This role will include working some Saturdays. French speaking would be desirable but not essential.

For more information call the HR Department on **01303 261870**

**House Manager**
Negotiable Salary

Required to run a Residential home for Adults with Learning Disability at our Sheerness home.

You must have at least 2 years previous experience on a management level.

To be confident, assertive and possess excellent communication skills (written and verbal) at all levels. Experience of writing reports, undertaking projects and supporting the Organisation,

You will need to hold NVQ Level 4 Management in Care; RMA is desirable but not essential, as training will be given. Must be fully conversant with Care Standards.

If you have experience we are looking for, please write with a full CV and covering letter together with a note of your salary expectations to:

Administrative Manager / Christine Morgan
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A qualification to diploma level in counselling with group work experience, preferably in a drug and alcohol day programme or residential setting is required. A BACP accreditation would be advantageous.

Closing date: 9 February 2009.

Interview date: 18 February 2009.

Application forms and job descriptions can be downloaded from <http://www.kca.org.uk/pages/vacancies.html> or email recruitment@kca.org.uk Alternatively, write to KCA (UK), Dan House, 44 East Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8AT or call 01795 590635. Please quote reference 546.

We regularly have opportunities for **Community Drug Workers**. Vacancies are advertised on our website and if you would like more information please email recruitment@kca.org.uk

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As a key member of the Administration team, you will need to have top MS Office skills and a 'can do' approach. You should be able to communicate with a wide cross-section of staff and external contacts in a highly professional manner.

If you would like to discuss this post further, please contact Toni Howes, Service Manager KCA Canterbury on 01227 454740 or Christine Gordon Admin Lead on 01795 590795 ex.2.

Closing date: 13 February 2009.

Interview date: 18 February 2009.

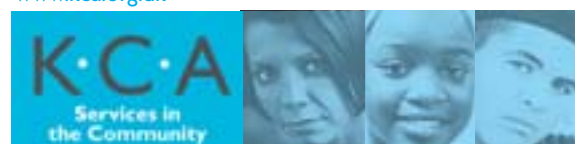
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Your Move, 93 Commercial Road
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E-mail Oliver.blake2@your-move.co.uk

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You should demonstrate excellent written and oral communication skills, be able to organise and prioritise their workload, work well and accurately under pressure and be able to deal with confidential and sensitive issues in a professional manner.

Main duties will include: - answering telephone queries, dealing with incoming and outgoing post, typing letters and reports, filing, diary management, arranging meetings, taking minutes at meetings, information distribution.

Car driver essential as some meetings will be away from base.

For an informal chat call Heather Vague or Linda Todman on 01233 618345.

Completed applications by: 5 February 2009.

Interviews to be held on: 23 February 2009.

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If you would like to discuss these opportunities further, or would like an application pack, please contact Sue Wheeler on 01634 265891 / swheeler@guardianhomecare.org.uk

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Comprehensive training and induction will be provided.

This School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of appointment for post is subject to a satisfactory Criminal Record Bureau Disclosure.

For an application pack, please write to/telephone (stating the role for which you are applying):
Mrs Linda Taylor, Abbey Court School, Rede Court Road, Strood, Kent. ME2 5SP (01634 338224)
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Pursuant to Section 98(2) of the Act, a list of names and addresses of the Company's Creditors may be inspected, free of charge, at the offices of Carmichael & Co, 5th Floor, City Wharf, New Bailey Street, Manchester M3 5ER, on the two business days falling next before the day of the Meeting.
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Enterprising advice scheme extended

A SERVICE to encourage disadvantaged people in the south east to set up their own business has been expanded to reach even more potential entrepreneurs.

The Business Link Enterprise Gateway scheme has already helped more than 300 people from deprived areas set up their own companies and thousands more have received guidance and advice.

It aims to help people facing challenges, or those who haven't realised they have a talent for business and enterprise.

During the last five years it has been available in 16 locations across the south east and now it is covering deprived communities across the whole region.

In Kent, the service spans the county and is particularly focused in areas where entrepreneurial activity is low, such as Medway, the Isle of Sheppey, and selected wards in Sittingbourne and Dover.

Enterprise development manager Jane North said: "Our role is to work with individuals who would not normally consider enterprise as a viable option for them."

"They may have faced redundancy, health problems or just been out of the job market for a long time."

For more information, telephone 0845 600 9006, or visit the website by logging on at www.bringyourideastolife.co.uk.

Save money thanks to BCC and Staples tie up

IMPORTANT news for people brave enough to start up a business right now: the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) – the umbrella organisation of local chambers of commerce – and office stationery group Staples have teamed up to launch an extended help-to-go pack.

All start-ups that join the BCC will now receive a 20 per cent discount voucher to spend at their local Staples store.

The pack, which when it was first launched was to help start-ups during their crucial first year, has been extended to take into account the new challenges companies are now facing. Staples have stores across the county.

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Julie Maddocks asks: "In business, is small really beautiful?" Search 'crunch'

'Upbeat' county will weather the storm

■ BY TONY PATEY

THERE may not be any strong green shoots of recovery showing in Kent just yet, but there are some warm breezes blowing through the chilly economic climate.

Businesses across the county are reporting that while the credit crunch has taken a bite out of their business, they are – so far at least – weathering the storms better than elsewhere in the UK.

And much of the reason for the region's resilience is being put down to an increasing export market and a confidence both in the current trading environment and in what the future holds.

The Maidstone Economic Development Group of Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce (KICC) found members were showing greater confidence under current conditions than the south east in general, and nationally.

John Taylor, chairman of the MED Group, said: "While these are challenging times, we are heartened by this positive attitude among our members. Clearly things are not as gloomy in Kent as the national picture would suggest."

David Foley, policy director of the Channel Chamber of Commerce which represents much of the east Kent coast, agreed there were relatively bright areas amid the bleakness.

He said exporters especially were in a good position to fend off the crunch with the weak pound.

"The potential for manufacturers in this area is considerable," he said.

Also firms which had a sound ecological base were doing relatively well because of a change in consumer sentiment, with people wanting more environment-friendly goods.

Mr Foley reckoned the three basic principles of good business were price, good quality and



ROUGH TRADE: Many Kent businesses remain upbeat despite the harsh conditions, local chambers of commerce say

service – with service being the clincher in rough trading times.

Peter Hobbs, chief executive of the Channel Chamber, added: "We are seeing lots of small organisations, particularly in the service sector, struggling as their sales begin to tighten."

"As a result they are urgently reviewing their costs and who they buy from, in other words their procurement."

"There are, of course, plenty of opportunities here for local businesses, for example, some local book keepers and accountants are reporting an uplift in clients."

KICC members in the service sector – rather than manufacturing – are upbeat.

During the three months to December, these members reported a "less dire decline" in both home and export sales than the rest of the south east.

Elsewhere, while order books are dipping and cash-flow worsened, KICC members appear to be performing better than elsewhere in the nation.

Interestingly, their levels of business confidence were higher, which is an important factor in getting the economy back on track.

An equal proportion expected sales to rise in 2009 as to fall, and although more expected profits to fall than to rise, this gloom was much less widespread than the rest of the south east, despite the fact that more KICC members were carrying spare capacity.

The higher confidence is reflected in pre-December employment which held steady, unlike the rest of the south east and the UK, and while there were more firms expecting to cut staff than those aiming to hire more, there was less pessimism.



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EDGED OUT: Canterbury Ladies were pipped in semis

Ladies' indoor title dreams shattered in semis

Canterbury Ladies 3 Bowdon Hightown Ladies 4

CANTERBURY Ladies' first appearance in three years at the National Indoor Hockey Championships finals day was a brief one as they lost in the semi-finals.

The Kent club reached the last four by winning the indoor league earlier this month, but they were edged out by eventual champions Bowdon Hightown.

Mel Clewlow gave Canterbury the perfect start in front of a capacity 3,000 crowd at the

HOCKEY

National Indoor Arena in Birmingham, converting a penalty corner on four minutes.

Bowdon, who had lost in the previous two finals, levelled within a minute through the experienced Tina Cullen.

The game remained at 1-1 into the second half until Natalie Seymour deflected in Nicky O'Donnell's shot. Cathy Gilliat-Smith scored a wonderful solo effort to make it 2-2 and Canterbury retook the lead with another superb goal, this time from Lisa Hapke.

The advantage was short-lived and Cullen scored her second of the game to bring the scores level for the third time.

Bowdon had the momentum and scored the winner through O'Donnell, who finished after more good work from Cullen.

Bowdon went on to beat Slough in the final to win their first national indoor title since 1995.

The outdoor season resumes this weekend, with the ladies looking to cement their place in the Premier Division's top four when they visit Leicester on Saturday.

The club's men host City of Peterborough at Polo Farm on Sunday, push back is at 1pm.

Soggy pitch leaves club high and dry

CANTERBURY RFC were again left without a game on Saturday after their scheduled league fixture at Lydney was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

The city club have been affected by a flurry of cancellations in recent weeks and have played just once since the winter break began on December 20.

It turned out to be a bad weekend for Canterbury as National 3 South's bottom three sides all won, eroding the gap to the bottom to eight points.

Weather permitting, Danny Vaughan's side will end their four-week hiatus on Saturday when Rugby Lions visit Merton Lane.

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Mark Stimson on Gillingham's pursuit of Chris Dickson and other transfer targets

Northeast headed in the right direction

SAM Northeast stepped up his ambitions of becoming the next Academy youngster to break into Kent's first team after a consistent run of scores for England under-19s.

The right-handed batsman hit three half centuries in five innings as England lost 3-2 in their one-day series in South Africa.

Northeast, who is likely to be given an extended run in the first team this season, then top scored with 47 for England in their first Twenty20 game with the South Africans. Academy director Phil Relf said: "We are very pleased with how well he has done. That will hopefully set him up for the summer."

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EARLY LEAD: Liam Quinn (on the ground) scores his second, but manager Marc Seager (right) could only watch on in horror as two late goals condemned Whitstable to defeat



Oystermen throw it away against fellow seashiders

IF WHITSTABLE Town are relegated in April, the players may look back on Saturday's game against Eastbourne Town as one of the critical moments in their demise.

Leading 2-1 going into the final five minutes, the Oystermen appeared to be heading for back-to-back league wins for only the second time this season. Victory would have taken them up to 18th and may even have provided the springboard to leave their drop fears behind for good.

Instead they left with nothing as Eastbourne scored two late goals to heap misery on Town and leave them in the bottom two.

An excellent 2-1 win away to Croydon Athletic last Tuesday had lifted Whitstable out of the relegation zone going into Saturday's game. James Campbell recovered from a knee injury in time to start the game, allowing skipper Liam Quinn to continue his new role in central midfield.

Only hard work from the Belmont ground staff allowed the game to go ahead after heavy rain in

FOOTBALL

■ BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Whitstable Town 2

Quinn 27, 73

Eastbourne Town 3

Baitup 54, 90, Denton 85



the build-up, but the pitch was heavy and cut up early on.

The conditions made the breakthrough just before the half hour even more impressive as Danny Tipple, revelling in a more advanced role in recent weeks, crossed for Quinn to head home.

They held the lead until just after the break, when Liam Baitup levelled from close range.

Quinn restored the advantage 17 minutes from time, getting the final touch on a Marcos Perona free-kick. It appeared to have sealed the points, but defensive frailties have been Town's crippling Achilles heel this season and so it proved again.

Whitstable starting XI



Subs used: Cory (Neal 75)

On 85 minutes Luke Denton was allowed far too much time in the penalty area to level the game. As Whitstable came to terms with having to settle for only a draw, Eastbourne promptly pinched an unlikely victory from a corner in stoppage time.

It was the sort of collapse synonymous with teams at the wrong end of the table. But with 16 games to go and only goal difference separating Whitstable from safety, the squad at least have time on their side to make amends.

Town are next in action on Saturday when they visit fellow bottom half side Leatherhead.

Overseas double-header for Kent's seam attack?

CRICKET

BY GLENN PEARSON

KENT have dropped the biggest hint yet that their search for new players will lead them to two overseas bowlers who will share the 2009 summer.

The club's director of cricket, Graham Ford, told Yourcanterbury the county's management were happy with the batting line-up and instead are looking to boost their bowling department ahead of the new season.

After re-signing left-arm spinner Rob Ferley, it seems unlikely Kent will be looking for another spinner as they also have James Tredwell in the ranks. All indications are they hope to bring in seamers to replace Pakistan all-rounder Yasir Arafat.

Skipper Rob Key hinted at the end of last season the club may have to look at two players to share the summer, due to top players' commitments to international tours and the Indian Premier League (IPL).

Ford confirmed it was something the county are looking into.

He said: "The way cricket is at the moment, the possibility of bringing an overseas player for the whole summer is unlikely, so we might have to mix and match."

"I think we are in the market for a bowler because I think we have some good batters and our batting line-up looks pretty solid."



Pictures: Tait: GETTY IMAGES; Morkel: REY FEATURES



QUICK FIX: Australia's Shaun Tait and South Africa's Morne Morkel could boost Kent's bowling attack this summer

"Bowling-wise, you can never have enough over the course of a season. We had injuries last summer so we will be probably looking for a bowler, especially as some of the boys are knocking on the door for an England place."

One of the biggest stumbling blocks in identifying an overseas player is the IPL. The multi-million pound Twenty20 competition attracts the biggest names in the sport between April and June, which means potential overseas stars would miss the first half of the county season.

As a result, Kent may go for a less high profile star at the beginning of the campaign and

then sign a star name for the second half.

One avenue Kent's management team of Key, Ford and coach Simon Willis, may look down is in bringing in one of Australia's back-up seamers. With the Australians touring England to contend the Ashes, quick bowlers such as Shaun Tait and Ashley Noffke may look to play county cricket to ensure they are close to the national squad.

However, with Ford's association with South Africa having brought in Justin Kemp, Martin van Jaarsveld and Ryan McLaren, fellow countrymen such as Dale Steyn, Andre Nel or Morne Morkel may be on the Kent list.

FOOTBALL



Picture: DAVID MULLANEY

HEADS UP: Ian Hossick heads clear for Canterbury during their win over APM Mears at the weekend

City finally back on track after delays

APM Mears 0 Canterbury City 2

AFTER five weeks of postponements and cup games, Canterbury City finally got back to their league campaign with a hardfought win against APM Mears on Saturday.

The enforced hibernation had seen City's County League Division One East lead eroded to goal difference, so a victory was essential to restore their advantage.

APM Mears were promoted along with City from Division Two last season and are one of two sides to take points off Dave Fairclough's team this campaign, forcing a 1-1 draw in October.

The visitors began well, but struggled to turn their territorial advantage into clear-cut chances. Too often possession was given away cheaply, although APM rarely looked like posing a serious threat to Danny Wrench's goal. On the one occasion he was beaten the crossbar came to his rescue.

Calum McGeehan twice came close to breaking the deadlock before the break, but the midfielder was denied once by keeper Alex Pilgrim and fired another shot wide.

As the second half wore on, APM looked to be heading for another draw with City, but their resistance was finally broken on 65 minutes. McGeehan was again instrumental, curling in a dangerous free-kick which was superbly converted by Luke Lockhart.

Wayne Fittall made the game safe soon afterwards. The striker, playing in a makeshift role wide on the right, got his reward for a hard-working display when he finished Scott Lawford's cross.

Fittall was replaced by Dan Bonneywell, who had the ball in the net almost immediately, only for the effort to be disallowed for offside.

With nearest challengers AFC Sheppey losing to University of Kent, the win lifted City three points clear at the top.

On Saturday, City host Staplehurst & Monarchs at Bridge in the Les Leckie Cup. Kick-off is at 1.30pm.



Picture: PHIL HOUGHTON

CAMP INDIA: Kent Academy director Phil Relf

Future pace bowlers all set for Indian camp

CRICKET

FOUR of Kent's brightest young bowlers have an opportunity to be coached by Australian legend Dennis Lillee at the world renowned MRF pace bowling camp in India.

Two Academy players and two players on development contracts at the St Lawrence Ground are being given a chance to learn and hone their skills thanks to contributions from the Kent Supporters Club and Kent member Charlie Harris.

Academy players Matt Coles, 18, who plays his cricket with Hartley Country Club and Adam Ball, 15, from Bexley will be heading to Chennai, together with development contract players Phil Edwards, 24, from Gore Court and Warren Lee, 21, from Blackheath.

Academy director Phil Relf, who will be leading the group to India, said it will be a big opportunity for Kent's future pace bowlers and that it couldn't have been done without the two benefactors.

"Indian conditions are demanding with the climate and different wickets so it will be a steep learning curve," he said. "We want to get as much time with Dennis Lillee as possible as that will be a valuable experience."

They leave for the ten day trip on Friday. If you'd like to help sponsor the Academy, contact Phil Relf on 01227 456886.



Picture: TONY DAN

SMART SAVE: Herne Bay goalkeeper Dan Eason kept his side in the game with a crucial save late on

Keeper saves the day for Bay in dire cup stalemate

FOOTBALL

Croydon 0 Herne Bay 0

WINCH'S Field will be the venue this Saturday to decide Herne Bay's Premier Division Cup fate after a dismal goalless draw in the first leg of their quarter-final with Croydon.

Neither side had the cutting edge needed in the final third to break the deadlock in a game where both goalkeepers had little to do.

Croydon started the game the brighter of the two sides and dominated the opening 20 minutes, but they were unable to force a save from Bay goalkeeper Dan Eason.

Barry Morgan's side finished the half the stronger, but the midfield battle meant goal-

scoring opportunities were at a premium.

The second half followed the same pattern, with passes going astray at the critical point of both side's attacks.

The game came to life in the final 15 minutes as Croydon were reduced to ten men with Ollie Young dismissed for a reckless challenge on Sean Bremner.

With Young seeing red, Herne Bay had the chance to stamp their authority on the game and take advantage of the extra man.

If anything, the ten men of Croydon were more threatening and goalkeeper Eason was called upon on in the final ten minutes to keep the scores level. Nathan Woodbridge let fly with a 25-yard drive, which was well tipped over the bar by Eason.

This Saturday, Morgan's side host Croydon for the second leg of the quarter-final hoping to book their place in the semi finals.

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